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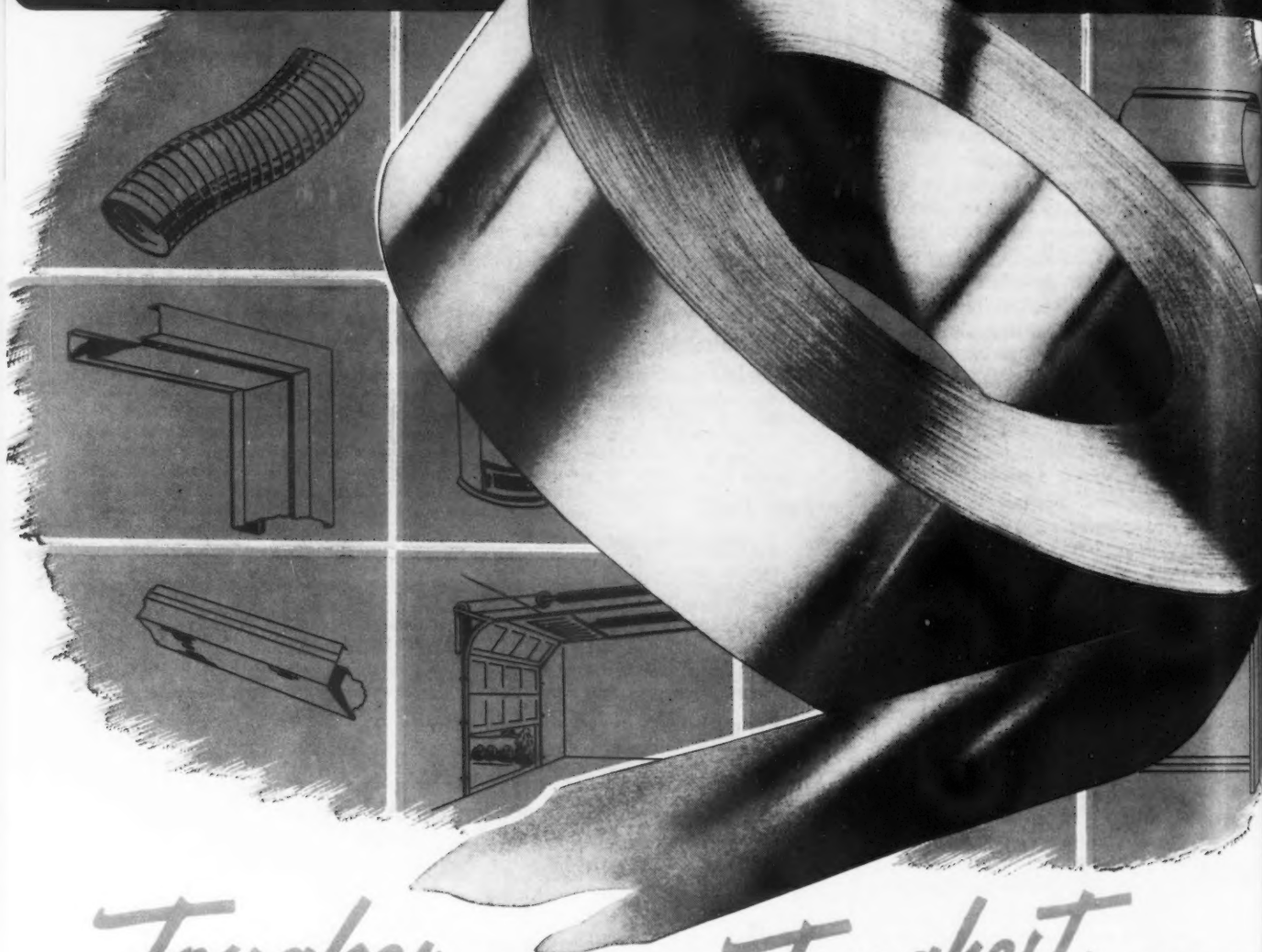
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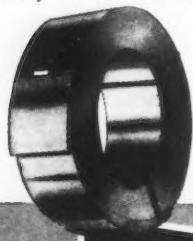


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# A Poke at Paradise

WHEN Oksana Stepanova Kosenkina jumped from the third story window of the Russian consulate in New York City to avoid return to her homeland she dramatized in language, that even the most naive could understand, a major propaganda defeat for the communists. For the fate that she held worse than death was renewed life in the Soviet paradise. This was no idle rhetoric, no malicious fascist fabrication, no consummate capitalist conspiracy. A plain proletarian soul with all the benefits of intensive indoctrination under the direct influence of high communist officials, and with all the ties of home tugging at her heart and mind, nevertheless chose a plunge to the stony courtyard three stories below than return to her native Russia.

Taking their cue from the phony premise of Karl Marx that the lot of the worker was a sinking existence of "progressive misery" and harsh exploitation under capitalism red propaganda has contrasted life under the two conflicting ideologies. With considerable success they documented the persistent fallacies of the "Red Prussian." The well written but misleading saga of Okies migrating (in cars) to California, the sexual aberrations of southern mountaineers in a play that was lauded by our soft boiled liberals, movies of colored slums outside Atlanta, the squatter shacks of derelicts in the Jersey meadows during the early thirties, these have all been cunningly presented to the folks at home as typical shots of life under capitalism. As long as the unfortunate victims of such skull-duggery are unable to see for themselves their prison walls may well seem a protective barrier. The disciplinary apparatus of the state is subject to less strain and the boys in the Kremlin can feel a bit more secure.

Therein may be found the sole purpose of the iron curtain. The measures that constitute this curtain are described as a protection against the hostile espionage and the aggressive designs of those imperialist commonwealths that hover hungrily on the borders of the "great democracy." Actually the curtain is a porous shell that covers the foul substance of a monstrous hoax. The principal purpose of the barrier that divides the two worlds is to prevent exposure of the tyranny, the slavery, the wretched living conditions that inevitably follow the adoption of communism and the denial of personal freedom. The security measures that prevent the normal flow of commerce, the free movement of persons and the unimpeded exchange of ideas promote only the security of the boys in the Kremlin. They are among the devices by which an illegitimate oligarchy proposes to perpetuate its power. When a Kosenkina, a Samarin, an Alexeev, a Gouzenko, a Kravchenko, a Barmine risks life in order to escape, it becomes a little difficult to maintain the hideous fiction of a milk-and-honey existence behind the curtain.

These intrepid rebels against oppression and deception jeopardize the position of the Moscow clique. They tend to undermine the reliability of every Russian agent whose duties take him abroad. They shake the faith of the stupid intellectuals, the "fillies", the "suckers", the "useful innocents" upon whose support communism depends.

It is little wonder Ambassador Panyushkin called on Kosenkina to "confirm" her "intention" to go home, and Molotov in an unprecedented demarche summoned our Bedell Smith to the Kremlin for direct representations. Such defections strike at the root of Soviet power.

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► There will be no quick solution to the f.o.b. mill problem in the steel industry. Nor is there much chance of a return to the basing point method of selling steel. The most that steel officials look for is a law which will make legal the absorption of freight by producers so that they may compete in distant territories. Even that will not come until much water has passed over the dam -- if then. The key to the whole thing is the amount of pressure that is generated by steel consumers -- not steel producers.

► Preliminary laboratory experiments with a thick-skinned magnesium-zirconium alloy airplane wing have proven favorable. The new wing, which may replace the aluminum wing on some airplanes, will, however, be tested further on the P-80 to determine fully the suitability of the alloy as a substitute for aluminum.

► The anticipated rush to switch steel shipments in the Middlewest from rail to truck or water has not materialized -- yet. But steel buyers are not overlooking the possibilities of reducing transportation costs through trucking. Some sources believe many such negotiations are in process. Others believe the threat of rising truck rates and the lack of adequate dock facilities will keep this trend at a minimum.

► Although brake drums are not a part of automobile engines, they provide an interesting example of the application of special casting methods in connection with cast irons. Many different materials have been tried for this important part. But, according to an automotive authority, none have been found that will surpass cast iron, particularly the high carbon irons.

► The growing tightness of alloy bars is one of the more significant trends in the steel industry today. A Middlewest firm, anticipating the situation, has just completed an exhaustive test program on triple alloy steels which will be substituted for single and double alloy grades. The SAE 8600 and a new chrome-moly-nickel steel grades have been selected to replace many of the present semi and full-hardening grades. Tests on carburizing grades have not been completed as yet.

► Government people who have been, and still are, for more steel capacity have not given up. Not much has been said recently -- but some agencies are still strong for additional capacity. They do not believe what industry has repeatedly stated -- that there is enough steel capacity to take care of needs over the next few years, and that increased capacity now planned and underway will more than take care of long term requirements. The administration is expected to keep harping on the need for more capacity -- even if the government itself has to build it.

► The raw materials pinch is destined to hit the steel industry early in 1949. One large producer estimates that shortly after the first of the year it will be necessary to shut down at least one blast furnace -- for lack of iron ore or coke.

► Flexibility in machining fixture design is exemplified in a device recently used to position bell housings for drilling and boring. By substituting gage blocks of various lengths, the vertical and horizontal positions of the indexing fixture can be varied to accommodate 72 different cast iron and aluminum parts.

► Feeling exists among some automotive experts that the malleable industry has made more progress relatively in recent years than either the gray iron or steel foundries. Melting equipment, for instance, is rapidly being changed from powdered coal furnaces to duplex units consisting of cupolas in conjunction with air or electric furnaces that permit a continuous flow of metal. The trend toward a higher silicon-carbon ratio that promotes secondary graphitization has decreased annealing time materially. And additions of agents such as boron, and small amounts of bismuth, tellurium and molybdenum have made possible the manufacture of much larger castings without graphitization than previously thought possible.

► High compression engines are coming into the auto industry -- but only as fast as high octane fuel is made available at neighborhood gas stations. Most sources believe that when adequate fuels are available, all auto producers will have overhead valve high compression engines. They give up to 50 pct improvement in fuel economy.



# Continuous Casting

## --The Asarco Process

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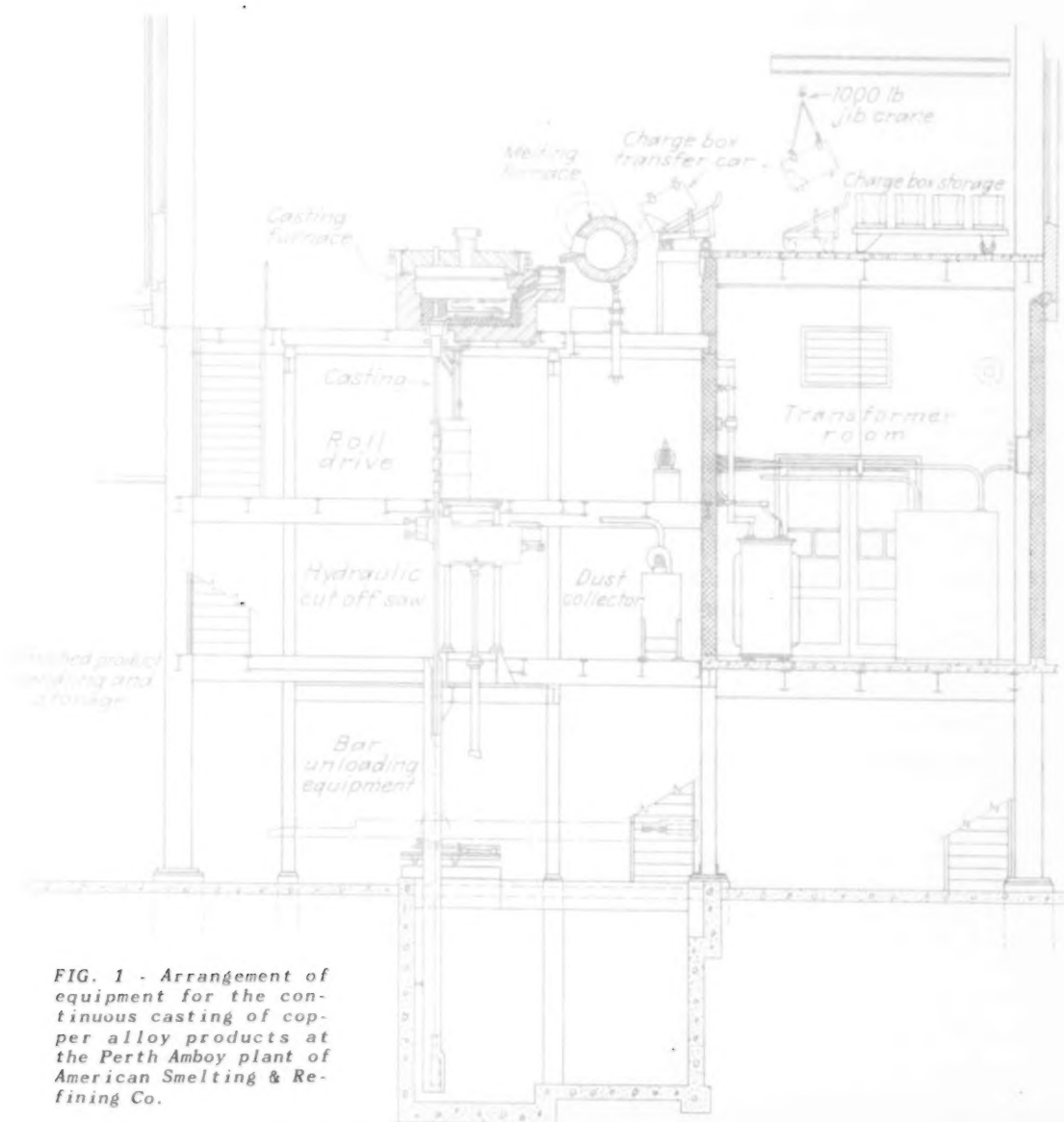


FIG. 1 - Arrangement of equipment for the continuous casting of copper alloy products at the Perth Amboy plant of American Smelting & Refining Co.

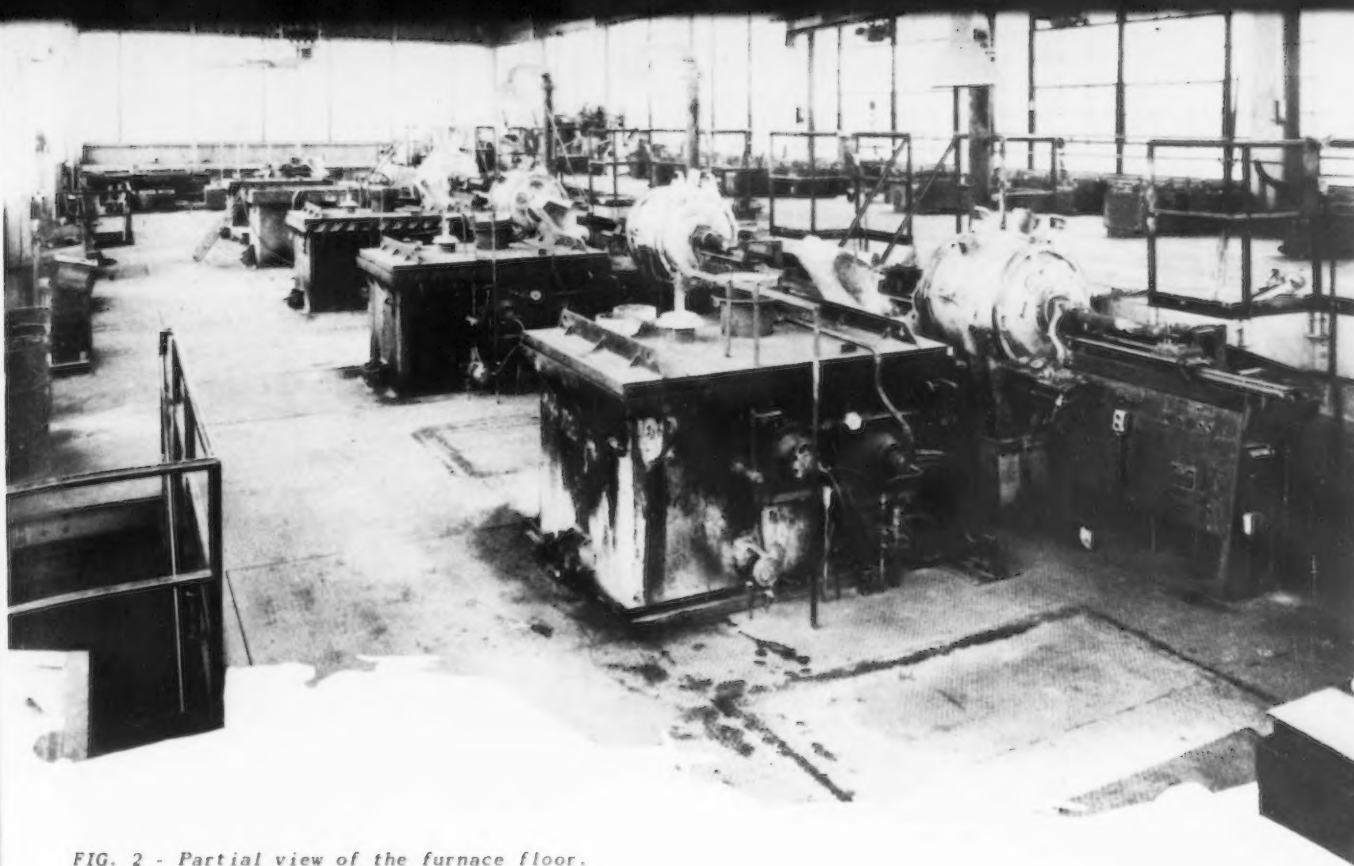


FIG. 2 - Partial view of the furnace floor.

**Playing an important role in the development of the technology of continuous casting is the work done on the Asarco process by American Smelting & Refining Co. in the production of copper and copper base alloys. Certain features of the Asarco machines were originally described in *THE IRON AGE*, Feb. 24, 1944. This present article, however, represents the first extensive description of the Asarco units and includes the first photographs of the machines. It is particularly timely in view of the great interest currently centering on continuous casting.**

SINCE Sir Henry Bessemer first proposed a scheme for continuously casting molten metal in 1857<sup>1</sup> the intriguing possibilities of such a process have resulted in a persistent search for suitable practical operating methods. Until about 15 years ago the various Governmental patent agencies did by far the majority of business in the field since little, and in most cases nothing, in the way of products ever emerged from the equipment described in such complete detail in the voluminous patent literature that followed Sir Henry's proposal. Gradually, however, the mechanical and economic stumbling blocks have been overcome to the extent that today at least four different processes<sup>2</sup> are in commercial use, excluding the several types of machines developed for the specific purpose of applying coatings of bearing metals to steel or bronze backs.

Fundamentally, three of these processes have reservoir furnaces discharging a free falling

stream of molten metal to a disconnected mold, generally made of copper and water cooled, where it is continuously solidified and withdrawn. Some type of orifice is usually employed in combination with manual adjustment of the metal feed to allow maintenance of a constant molten metal level in the mold. Where the cross sectional area of the product and the linear speed of casting allow delivery of metal volumes well in excess of 10,000 cu in. per hr the flow from such orifices

<sup>1</sup> See "Documentary," by Sir Henry Bessemer, *THE IRON AGE*, Apr. 11, 1940, p. 48.

<sup>2</sup> A description of continuous casting of steel at the Babcock & Wilcox Co. was published in *THE IRON AGE* August 19, 1948, page 72; a general review of the development of the technology of continuous casting up to 1940 was presented in the article "Continuous Casting," *THE IRON AGE*, Apr. 4 and Apr. 11, 1940; a review of later developments, with extensive illustrations of various processes, was given in an article in *THE IRON AGE*, Feb. 24, 1944.

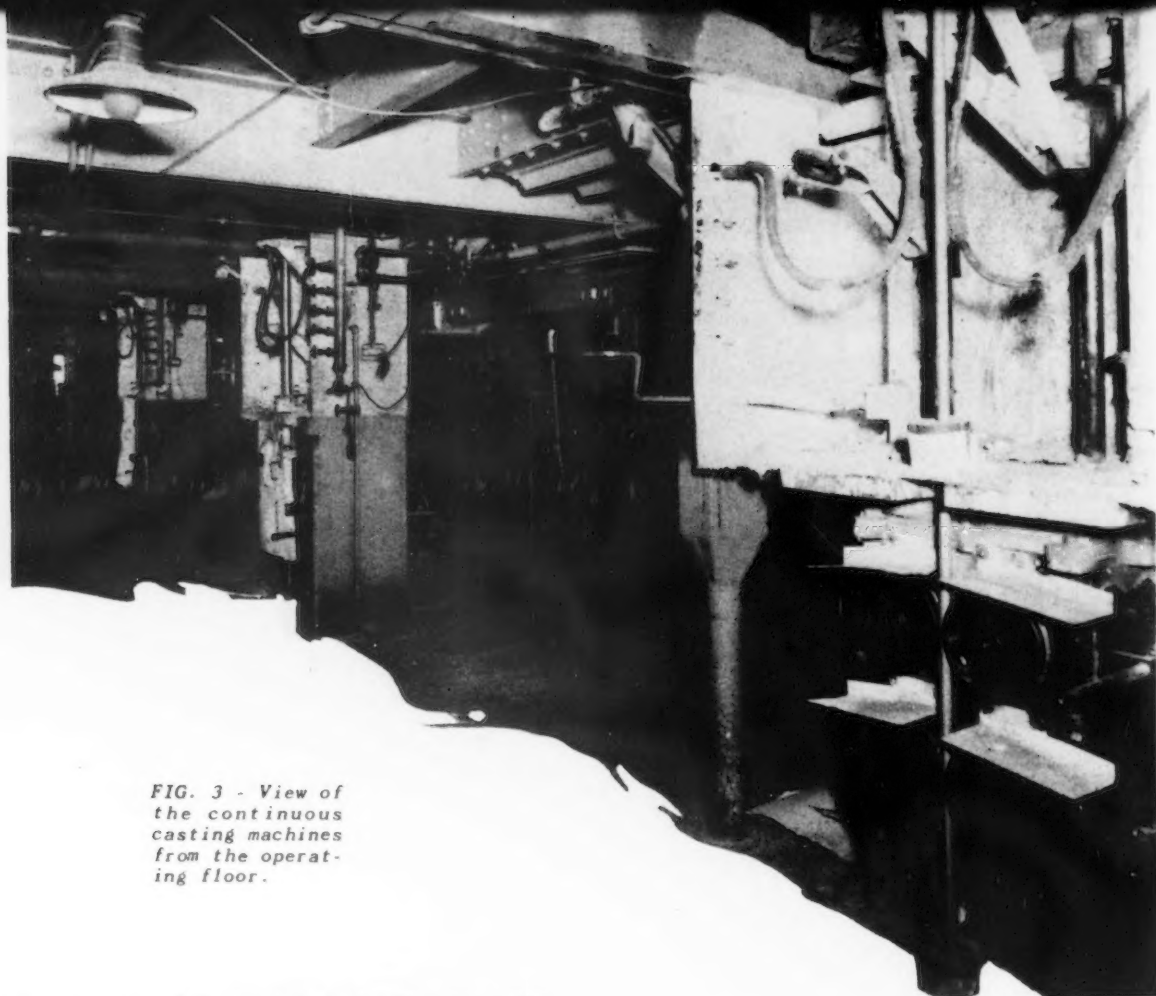


FIG. 3 - View of the continuous casting machines from the operating floor.

can be successfully maintained. However, the achievement of a constant metal flow to the mold becomes increasingly difficult as volume requirements decrease, and consequently, these processes are primarily employed to cast shapes for further processing having a minimum cross section of 16 sq. in.

The Asarco process used at this plant also employs a reservoir furnace to supply molten metal to a mold but the design and arrangement of the two are unique. There is neither a free falling stream of metal nor any need for a manually controlled feed. Instead, the mold or die is integrally connected to the bottom of the furnace and to the entire metal supply, and is fed by simple gravity flow as the solidified shape is withdrawn. Thus, the process is characterized by the absence of a free liquid surface within the mold or die which shapes the casting, the only free surface being in the casting furnace. This arrangement has such an important bearing on the size of the cross section that can be successfully cast commercially that rods having an area of less than 1 pct of the 16 sq in. previously mentioned are produced as standard products. As presently practiced, the Asarco process is engaged in producing sections varying from 0.14 to 16 sq in. It thus primarily supplements the size range covered by other methods.

The first commercial installation at the Perth Amboy plant of the American Smelting & Refining Co. was completed in 1937. This unit consists of four casting stands designed to produce 3 in phosphorus deoxidized copper billets of which over 300 million lb have been delivered to

the trade. Further experimental work has resulted in application of the process to the copper base alloy field. Methods have been developed for the production of tubing and special shapes such as squares, rectangles and hexagons in either solid or tubular form. In addition, means for casting rods in multiple have made possible the commercial production of sizes as small as 7/16 in. diam.

The introduction of such a multiplicity of sizes, shapes and alloy compositions necessitated major changes in equipment design to provide the necessary flexibility of operation. After several years' experience on a pilot plant basis, an entirely new commercial plant was constructed and brought into service in September 1947, for the production of alloy shapes. Its operations can best be visualized by reference to the essentials of the process in general.

Fig. 1 illustrates schematically the arrangement of the equipment. Molten metal is furnished by batch melting to a casting furnace equipped with a large crucible of sufficient size to accommodate variations in supply. A tortuous path (arrows) is provided to insure deoxidation and degasification, and to cushion the die (mold) chamber from sloshing effects during pouring. Metal enters the die chamber through one or more small drilled connecting passages and flows to the die by gravity. Upon reaching the jack-



eted length, very rapid solidification occurs; the excess sensible heat is extracted by means of additional secondary jackets where necessary and the casting proceeds through the roll drive governing the speed of withdrawal to the saw which cuts it to the desired length.

As illustrated, the equipment is arranged on four levels as the material flow is predominately vertical. Fig. 2 shows the layout of the melting and casting furnaces. Five of the six projected units for this plant are installed in operating position. Spare furnace shells, either undergoing repair or required for switching from leaded to nonleaded alloys, are also visible. Space is available in back of each melting furnace for the storage of a day's supply of loaded charge boxes which are prepared on the bottom floor and brought up by the crane. Using a movable dolly, the charge is wheeled to the furnace and chuted in by gravity through a hinged drop flap.

All melting operations are carried out in Detroit electric arc furnaces equipped with automatic hydraulic electrode feed and arranged for lip tilting. Due to the large variation in the dimensions of the products cast, three different melting capacities are provided ranging from 125 to 250 kw. The rocking action of the furnaces is very helpful in assuring proper mixing of the high leaded (up to 24 pct) bronzes and they provide a desirable degree of flexibility in changing from one alloy to another.

When the charge is at proper temperature, the melter removes a small cover from the receiving box attached to the casting furnace and pours the entire melt into the casting crucible via the launder connecting the two. He is provided with signal lights and a peep-sight so that under and overpouring can be avoided.

Among the functions of the casting furnace are those of providing the desired control of temperature and deoxidation and, above all, means for accommodating the die and supplying it continuously. The furnace shell is of welded construction and the cover is double-sealed in sand and oil to retain the nitrogen atmosphere which is supplied by a generating unit.

Thermal insulation is obtained from a lining of 3000° insulating brick. This contains a rectangular well for the crucible which is machined from a single piece of graphite and provided with a bottom opening for the die and a side opening for tapping out dry. Both openings are threaded and fitted with replaceable inserts containing the working threads that hold the die and the tap-out plug. Just above the top of the crucible, the brickwork is stepped back to provide a shelf upon which the resistors rest. A four-length grid of graphite electrodes is employed, entering and leaving on opposite sides of the furnace by means of water-cooled copper terminals. It is powered by a single phase alternating current supply carrying a transformer regulator for the necessary control.

The molds (dies) are machined from high density graphite and are used but once. They are fitted on the outside with mounting threads located somewhat upstream of center. Above the threads is a short extension which projects upward into the molten metal. Below the threads the die is tapered to accommodate the primary cooling jacket which carries a matching taper.

The inside surfaces are usually provided with one or more of a variety of tapers, the design of which depends largely on the alloy and shape being cast. Rod dies may contain one, two, three or five holes, depending on the size of the product and the quantity desired. Such arrangements call for special driving rolls and their use is a matter of economics. Tube dies are constructed on the principle of the bridge dies used in extrusion processes with the very important difference that the bridge is completely surrounded by molten metal. The rigid short-couple mounting of die and mandrel makes for unusually close control of wall thickness which generally varies in eccentricity by not more than  $\pm 1$  pct of its nominal dimension.

The fact that the mold is not constructed or assembled as an integral part of the jacket is an important feature of the process. This accomplishes maximum flexibility in the use of a large variety of die sizes and shapes in a standard series of jackets of much higher cost.

After a die and jacket are installed, the die opening is plugged with a starting rod which is strung through the rolls. Molten metal is then introduced and the roll drive started at a pre-

FIG. 4 - Closeup of an Asarco continuous casting operation.

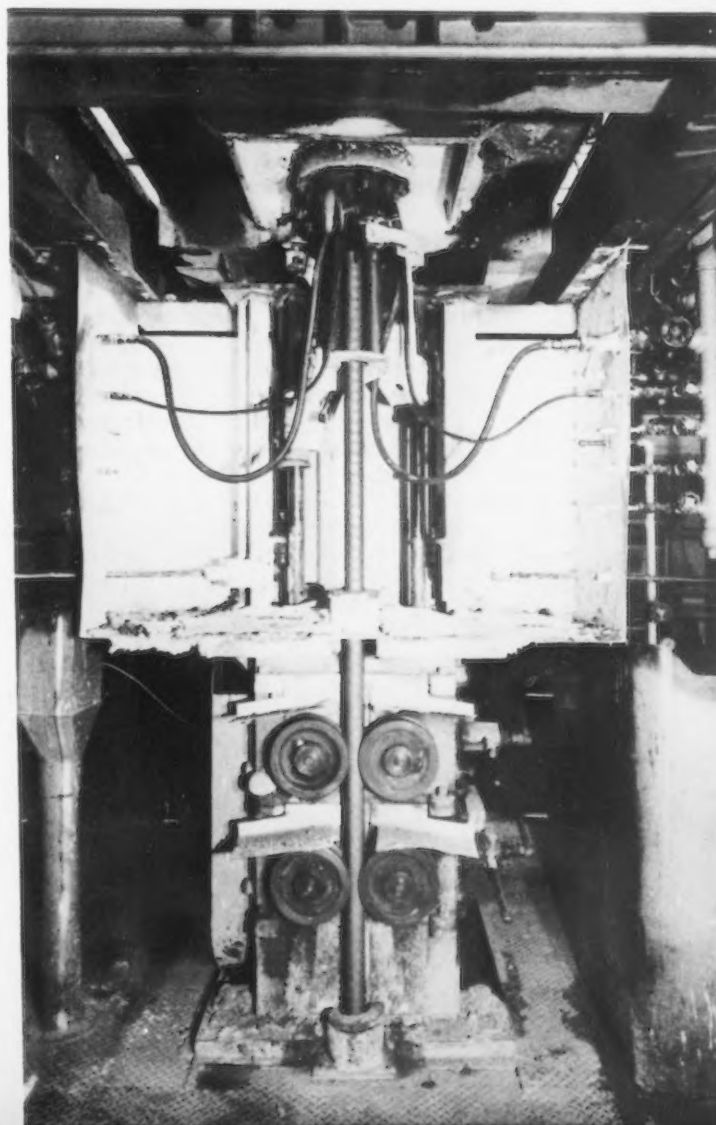




FIG. 5 - Saw floor where continuously cast bar is cut to length by saws which travel with the work during the operation.

determined speed, setting the casting cycle in motion, after which the speed is adjusted to the desired range. Fig. 3 shows the operating floor, and fig. 4 is a typical operation. The casting is seen as it emerges from the lower end of the die and jacket assembly, which is flush with the circular ring projecting from the furnace bottom (top of photograph). In this case, a single secondary jacket provides additional cooling for ease of handling. The operator controls the speed by a variable drive. The temperature of the casting furnace is controlled by varying the electrical input. The operator is provided with instruments on each stand which indicate or record the furnace and water temperatures, the pressure of the inert furnace atmosphere and the casting speed.

Visible in fig. 4 is a series of hose connections equipped with snap-on fittings for the purpose of supplying the primary and secondary water jackets. The water header is located to the right

of the shield and the top connection, with the large valve and large hose line, supplies the incoming water to the primary cooling jacket, which is exhausted on the left side of the photograph into a header which delivers it to the funnel visible at the left of the photograph. The four smaller nozzles below the main jacket supply are for the purpose of supplying any number of secondary jackets up to a maximum of four. In fig. 4, one secondary jacket is in place and can be seen about 2 in. below the bottom of the die. On small sizes of castings no secondary jackets may be required since the castings will emerge at a sufficiently low temperature. However, on large diameter work, particularly in the case of solid rods, two, three or four secondary jackets will be strung in position as required so that the work will not normally come off the rolls at a temperature higher than, say, 300°F.

After leaving the roll drive, the casting enters the saw floor (fig. 5) where it is cut to length by saws which engage the work and travel with it during the operation. Stand No. 2 is equipped with a fully automatic cut-off machine which is still experimental. All other units employ manually operated equipment using abrasive wheels for alloys over 2.5 pct tin content, and metal blades for the softer compositions. The work then drops into a tilting receiver and is rolled out into tables on the ground floor for inspection (fig. 6). All products destined for use as cast are finally finished by straightening on a Medart machine.

While, for practical reasons, a good deal of auxiliary equipment is required for successful operation, it is apparent that the die is the dominant factor in the process. Broadly speaking, die design, and the manner in which the die is utilized, are of prime importance; together they largely determine the mechanical and metallurgical characteristics of the products. Graphite is a die material of unusual caliber. Its thermal conductivity is very high, it is neither readily attacked nor wet by molten copper base alloys, it has excellent resistance to thermal shock, is self-lubricating when used as a die, and possesses outstanding machinability.

Furthermore, this combination of properties permits the top of the die to be submerged in the metal bath which results in important benefits to the casting. The entire bath functions as an ideal riser and, as a matter of fact, the feeding is so effective that no evidences of shrinkage have ever been found in the products. In addition, porosity is effectively eliminated by orderly diffusion of the gases liberated at the freezing zone up through the metal bath where their partial pressure can be controlled by the inert atmosphere of the furnace. A standard procedure of weighing the products has conclusively demonstrated that the densities are equal or superior to the calculated values for the various alloys. In fact, in the few cases where the density has fallen more than 2 pct below the theoretical value, the conditions were such that the process became totally inoperable.

The "hot top" of the die further serves to assist in preserving the controlled superheat of the metal as it feeds downward to the solidification zone. Here, surrounded by a high capacity

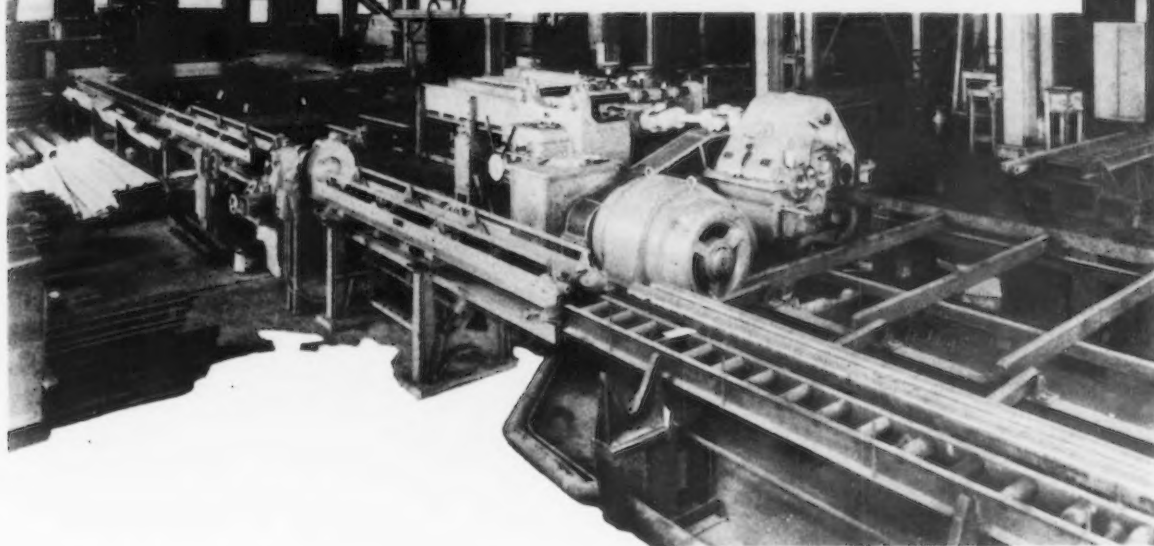
TABLE I

Typical Physical Properties of Continuously Cast Alloys of the Fabricating Type

Alloy				Tensile Strength, psi	Elongation, pct in 2 in.
Cu	Sn	Pb	Zn		
95.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	46,000	70
90.0	6.0	0.0	4.0	45,000	80
92.0	8.0	0.0	0.0	55,000	30
88.0	2.0	0.0	10.0	33,000	95
94.5	4.5	1.0	0.0	42,000	68
88.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	42,000	40



FIG. 6 - Following the sawing operation, the cast work drops into a tilting receiver and is rolled onto tables on the ground floor, as shown here, for inspection.



jacket, it is solidified with an abruptness that can be classified properly as a quench. Naturally, the maintenance of such a short freezing zone goes hand in hand with efficient feeding and gas liberation, but the rate of chill necessary to accomplish it has a further bearing on the product. Since the path of heat extraction is primarily lateral, and turbulence is at a minimum, there is little impedance to columnar growth with the rather unusual result that a fairly large grain size is formed under conditions of high chill. This, coupled with the motion of the casting during solidification, yields a macrostructure having the typical chevron appearance shown in fig. 7, regardless of the metal or alloy being cast.

The effects of the chill are of much greater importance to the physical properties and the microstructure. Fig. 8 illustrates the microstructures obtained on the same series of alloys continuously cast, permanent mold cast and sand

cast. Commercial usage has confirmed the superiority in quality that would be expected from the improvements in the fineness, degree, and uniformity of the dispersion of secondary constituents, and the freedom from segregation that the process affords. Table I lists the physical properties obtained from a number of production runs on typical alloys shipped to brass mills for fabrication to finish dimensions. The data given are average figures based on 15 or more determinations, and represent a variety of sizes and shapes. The unusual soundness, malleability and ductility of continuously cast stock has resulted in substantial increases in the ratio of finished weight to cast weight in leaded bronzes. As compared with the normal experience of 50 to 60 pct finished product, brass mills have reported yields of 80 to 90 pct with continuously cast stock, the upper range being realized on material not scalped during the processing. In addition, the

FIG. 7 - Typical chevron appearance of continuous cast copper base alloys. 14X; etchant  $(\text{NH}_4)_2 \text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ .

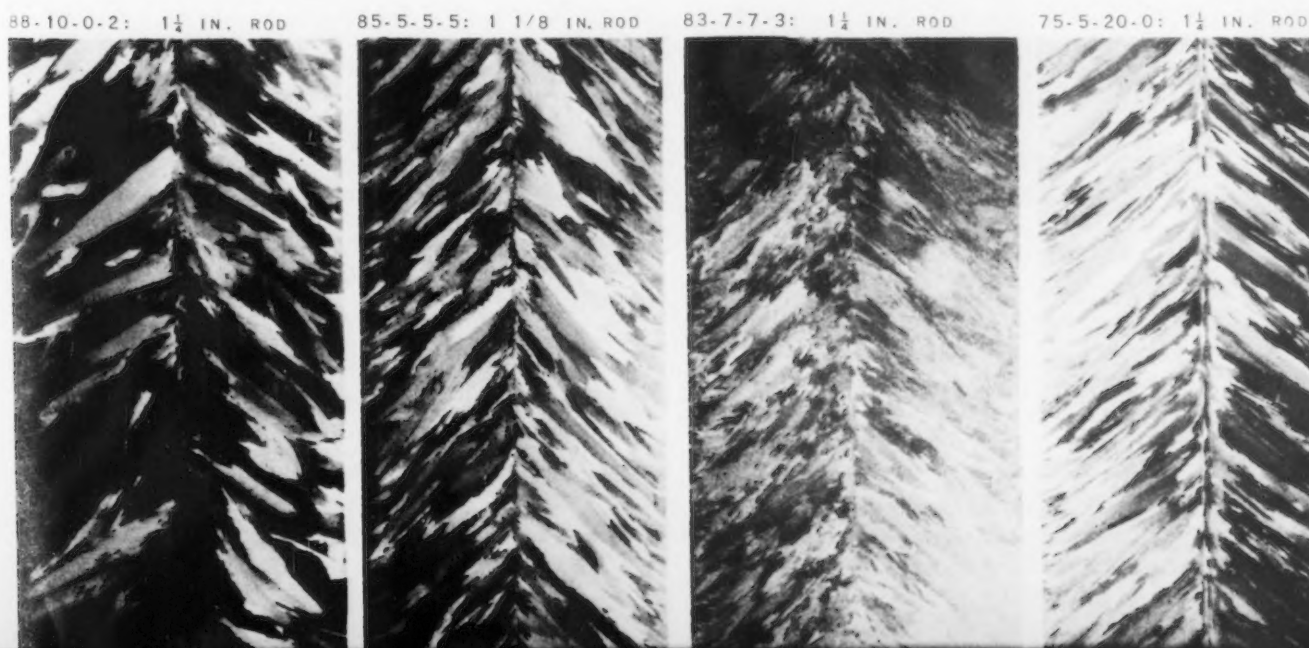
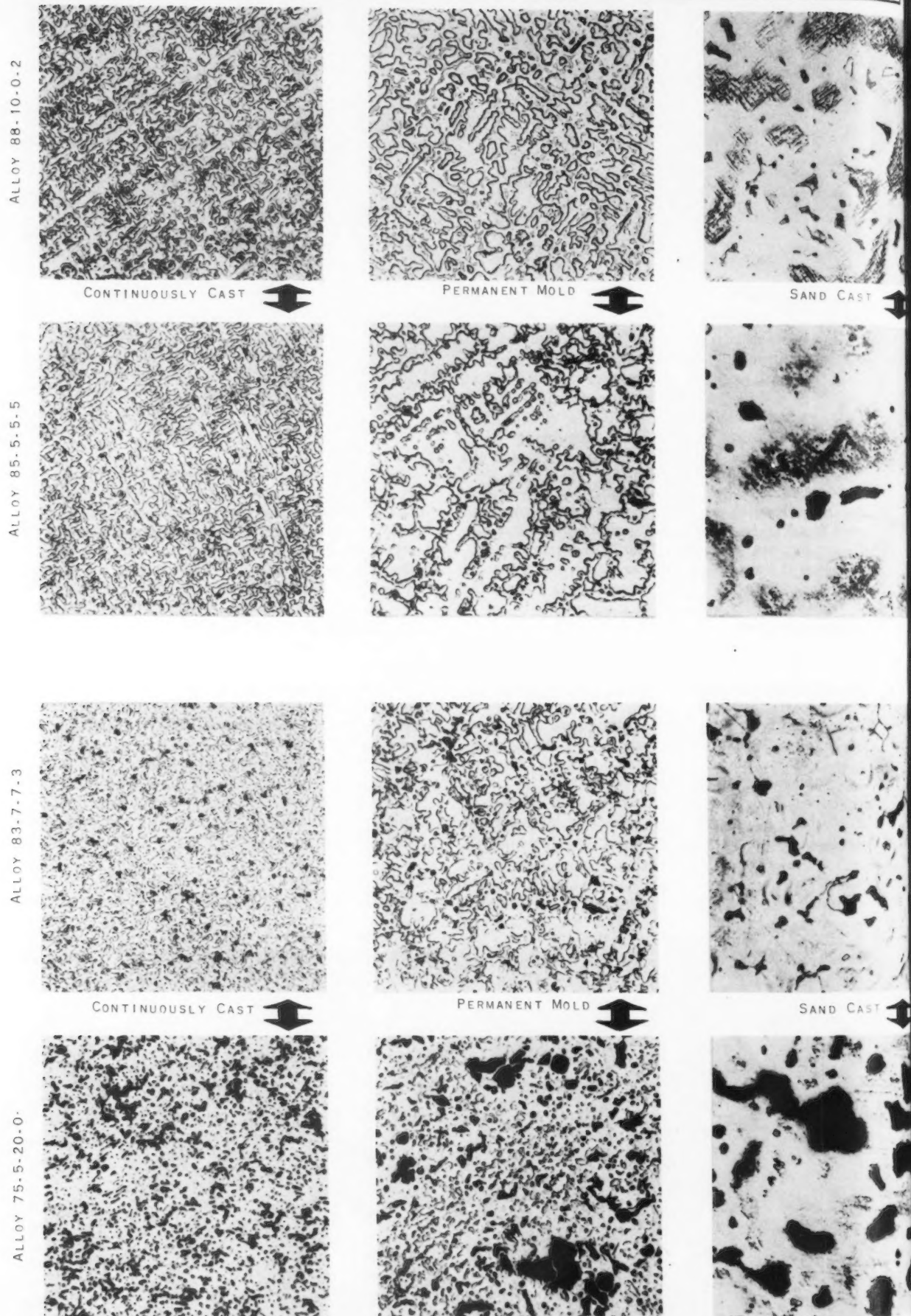


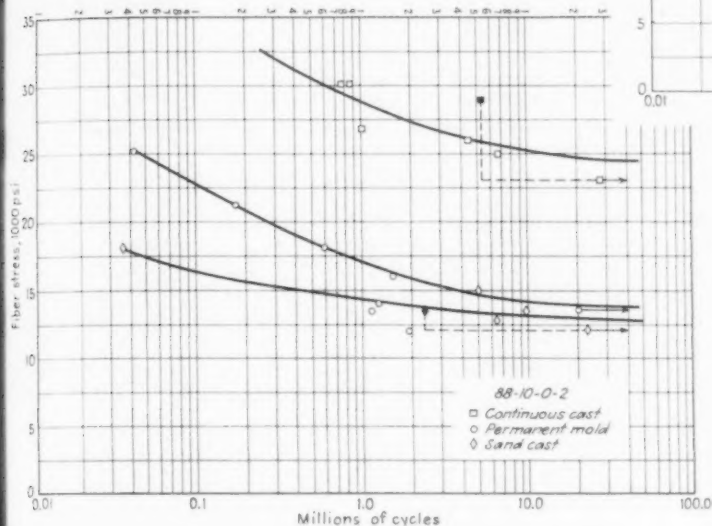


FIG. 8 - Comparison of microstructure of various copper base alloys in continuous cast, permanent mold and sand cast form. 200X; etchant  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  and  $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ .



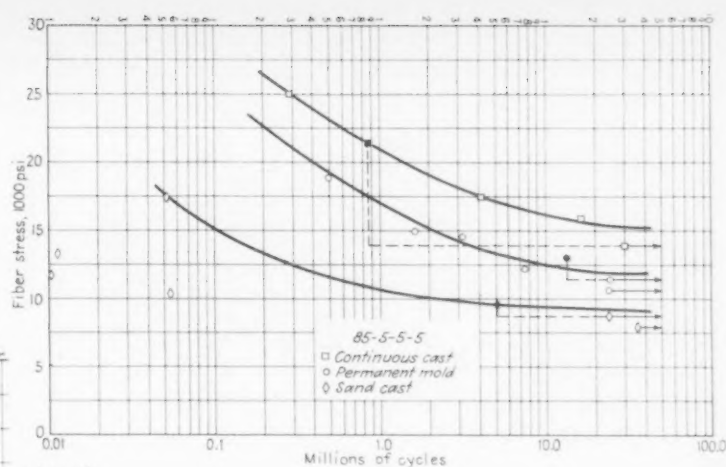
problem of homogenizing anneals is greatly simplified; the delta constituent in a 10 pct tin bronze can be wholly absorbed in continuous castings during a 1-hr anneal at 700°C (1292°F) as compared to the 24-hr period that may be required for castings made by other methods.

The question of whether a good casting is more important to a fabricating mill than to a machine shop is debatable, but there can be no doubt that to machine a defective casting usually

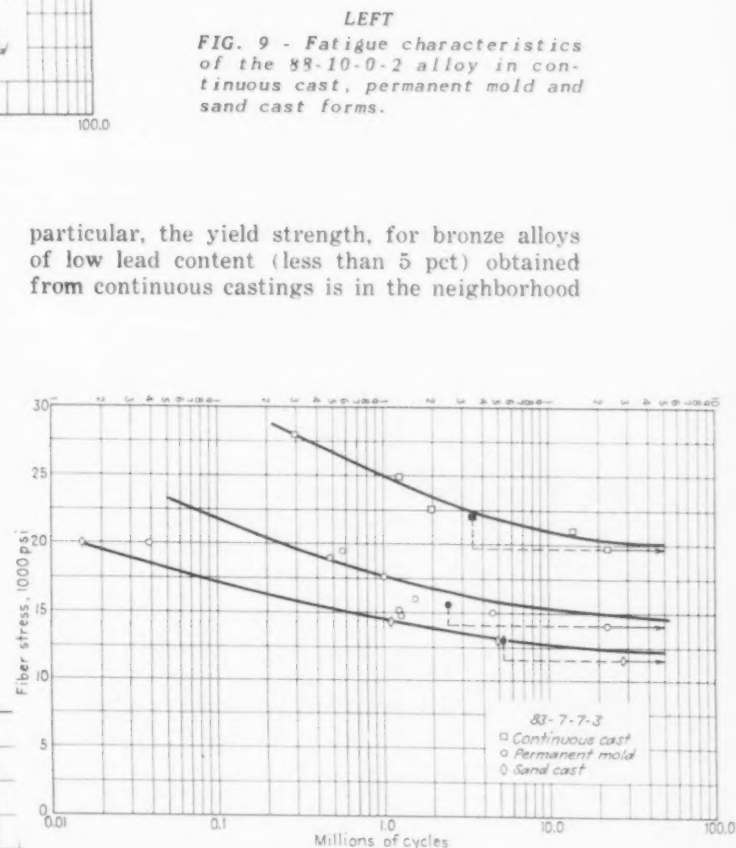


produces an expensive piece of scrap. Hence, the outstanding physical properties of continuously cast shapes in the foundry alloys are of equal practical importance. Table II lists comparative tensile data for the previously described alloy series in the form of continuous, permanent mold and sand castings. All samples were machined to 0.505 in. diam from 1 in. bars. It will be noted that the tensile and yield strengths and the Brinell hardness are beneficially affected by increasing rates of chill. As would be expected, elongation and reduction of area are proportionately lower, but entirely ample for service requirements.

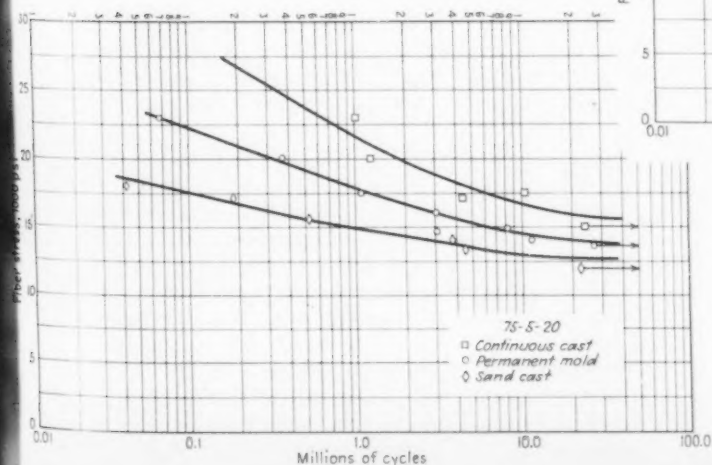
In general, the increase in properties and, in



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FIG. 10 - Fatigue characteristics of the 85-5-5-5 alloy in continuous cast, permanent mold and sand cast forms.



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FIG. 11 - Fatigue characteristics of the 83-7-7-3 alloy in continuous cast, permanent mold and sand cast forms.



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FIG. 12 - Fatigue characteristics of the 75-5-20 alloy in continuous cast, permanent mold and sand cast forms.

particular, the yield strength, for bronze alloys of low lead content (less than 5 pct) obtained from continuous castings is in the neighborhood

TABLE II

Physical Properties of a Series of Foundry Alloys Cast by Three Methods

Alloy Cu-Sn-Pb-Zn	Type Casting	Tensile Strength, psi	Yield Strength, psi	Elongation, pct in 2 in.	Reduction of Area—pct	Brinell Hardness
88-10-0-2	Continuously cast	51,500	33,700	12	11.2	96
	Permanent mold	51,600	26,500	14	10.5	83
	Sand cast	48,400	21,600	42	37.2	63
85-5-5-5	Continuously cast	45,000	21,400	28	21.4	72
	Permanent mold	41,200	19,500	24	21.4	65
	Sand cast	36,400	16,900	35	36.7	49
83-7-7-3	Continuously cast	44,000	27,000	16	13.5	72
	Permanent mold	41,600	21,900	18	17.8	72
	Sand cast	40,400	19,500	39	28.0	65
75-5-20-0	Continuously cast	28,700	22,800	8	6.6	57
	Permanent mold	29,600	18,200	12	14.1	57
	Sand cast	26,900	15,800	17	18.9	45

of 15 to 20 pct as compared with sand castings. This will be welcomed by designers, and quite naturally, initial considerations will probably be directed to standard applications and particularly those with severe service requirements.

There are numerous cases, however, where the end uses are such that it would be advantageous to consider the possibility of obtaining sand cast physicals by continuously casting alloys with proportionally lower tin content. Aside from the important consideration of conservation of tin, the reduction of 1 pct tin in an alloy composition lowers its cost by about  $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per lb in today's market.

In addition, there are other benefits of consequence, irrespective of lead content. Fatigue tests on the same series of alloys are reported in figs. 9 to 12. Here again, the permanent mold castings are intermediate, with continuously cast materials excelling the sand cast alloys by 25 pct in the case of a low tin-high lead composition and by an increase of 90 pct in the high tin bronze. Moreover, the increases in impact strength shown in table III are equally impressive. Both of these properties are of fundamental importance to bearings, bushings, gears and other structural parts where service requirements are severe. Consequently, it would be entirely normal to expect a steadily increasing number of applications for these products due to their fatigue and impact properties alone. As a matter of fact, the subjects of impact and fatigue in the cast bronzes are not treated too plentifully in the literature, and those who have tried to obtain experimental data will be among the first to note the substantial uniformity in behavior of the

continuously cast alloys as compared with the wide scatter that is normally obtained from bronzes cast by other means. In this connection, the results of machining several million pounds of continuously cast bronzes has indicated a rejection rate for casting defects of less than 0.1 pct.

The ability of the process to produce all the products within its scope in the form of mill lengths has been a major factor in its growth to the commercial stage. Fabricating mills can now procure basic castings in sizes and lengths best suited to their processing equipment. Similarly, screw machine lengths are now available to machine shops in the foundry bronzes, bridging the gap between the economies of these automatic machining operations and the lack of suitable bronze shapes.

At the present stage of development, continuously cast products are being produced within the following alloy limitations:

Cu	65 pct min
Sn	13 pct max
Pb	25 pct max
Zn	10 pct max
Ni	5 pct max

Shapes are available as follows:

Rods:	7/16 to 4 1/4 in. diam, min to max
Tubes:	1 to 4 1/4 in. OD min to max 1/2 in. ID min 3/16 in. wall min
Rectangles:	1 to 4 in. wide 1/4 to 1 1/8 in. thick corner radii—1/4 in. approx.

Sizes on other forms vary with the shape; size limitations also vary somewhat with the alloy.

All products for machining are furnished straightened and within a general tolerance of

+0.004 in. on the OD. Tube concentricities are -0.006 within 1.5 pct of the wall thickness which is controlled to permit cleanup of the ID. with a 1/64 in. cut.

In common with all casting procedures, the Asarco process for continuous casting is actually a scientific art. The background of the operating knowledge and experience available today is the result of significant contributions on the part of at least 20 individuals, and is thus a representative product of modern organizational research.

TABLE III

Impact Tests  
(ASTM E23-41T Type Z)

Alloy	Ft Lb Continuously Cast	Ft. Lb * Sand Cast
88-10-0-2	25.5	8.7
85-5-5-5	20.7	12.0
83-7-7-3	12.5	9.3
75-5-20-0	6.2	5.5

\* Machined from 1/2 in. diam bars—average of three determinations.



# Giant German Gear Hobs

**G**IANT hobs, such as shown in the accompanying illustration, were found in Germany following the war and sent to David Brown & Sons, Ltd., Huddersfield, England, for examination. A Pfafter hobbing machine, designed to use these hobs, was also acquired for testing the hobs.

Findings of this examination, as reported by David Brown & Sons, are as follows: The spindle on the German hobs was 3 3/16 in. diam; one hob was of 4 DP and the other 10 DP, and each was about 10 in. diam. The teeth were inserted into the body of the hob in dovetail fashion. End-face driving slots were provided in the body instead of the orthodox keyway in the bore. The rows of teeth were made in wedge form and driven into correspondingly tapered slots machined axially in the hob body. The hob metal was high speed steel.

Two nickel steel gear blanks were hobbled. The blanks were 13.4 in. diam, with a 6.15 in. face, the maximum face width that would insure complete entry and runout for the hob. The gear tooth finish was poor, owing to the severe vibration of the vertical head of the Pfafter machine. The vibration was of an order of 0.007 in. forward and 0.003 in. sideways. Hob speed was 65 rpm, feed was 0.06 ipr, and cutting speed was 170 fpm. Feed motion of the hob saddle was opposite to the hob motion, and the action was that of climb milling. It was obvious that hob efficiency was adversely affected by the unsatisfactory performance of the machine.

A special work arbor and a steady bracket were attached to a fixture mounted on the vertical head and further cutting tests were made. Hob speed, feed, and cutting speed were the same as in the earlier trial, and the initial roughing cut was followed by a 0.010 in. deep finishing cut. When the hob had traversed halfway across the gear blank in the finishing cut, the machine was stopped to inspect the tooth finish. The finish of the rough cut surface on the upper half of the



FIG. 1 - This German giant hob is shown with a David Brown hob of similar pitch. Tests indicate that only special purpose jobs can be cut advantageously on the giant hobs.

blank was better than the finish cut surface and both were far superior to those obtained in the first test.

A series of cutting tests to determine the cutting properties of the hob was halted after cutting three blanks, 57, 53 and 50 teeth, respectively, because of obvious signs of distress. The hob was sharpened because worn bands at the tips of the teeth proved to be 0.020 in. wide and the top faces of the teeth were indented near the cutting edge at the ip. After sharpening, a repeat test was made and a worn band 0.015 in. wide developed on the most active teeth.

From the series of tests, it was calculated that performance of the giant hobs under climb cutting conditions could be summarized as follows:

- 1—Rotary speed of the hob, 65 rpm.
- 2—Cutting speed, 170 fpm.
- 3—Feed per revolution of work, 0.060 in.
- 4—Hobbed tooth length, 9 1/2 ipm.
- 5—Life of hob between sharpening, 8 1/2 hr.
- 6—Finish produced on work, good.

Investigations indicate there is no evidence that giant hobs are appreciably superior to a hob of normal size run at the same cutting speed, although it may be expected to have a proportionately longer life between sharpenings because of its greater number of cutting edges. It is more expensive, and each resharpening reduces its value by an amount proportionately greater than in the case of a normal hob.

## Iron Ore Crushing

Despite the greater capital outlay involved and the complications to the flow of material, the use of stage crushing for iron ore may prove of value in many respects, it is reported in the article "Crushing Iron Ore," published in the Iron and Coal Trades Review (London), July 23, 1948.

The article, by D. D. Howat, of the Royal Technical College, Glasgow, cites as among the advantages of stage crushing a reduction of the quantities of fines produced, reducing the ton-

nage of ore to be sintered, and ensuring smoother operation and increased production of the blast furnace.

This article explains in considerable detail the theoretical considerations of ore crushing and touches, in particular, on such subjects as efficiency of crushing machines, the relationship between useful work and size reduction, characteristics of fracture in brittle solids, particle size distribution v. the design of crushing mills and effect of size reduction on crusher characteristics.

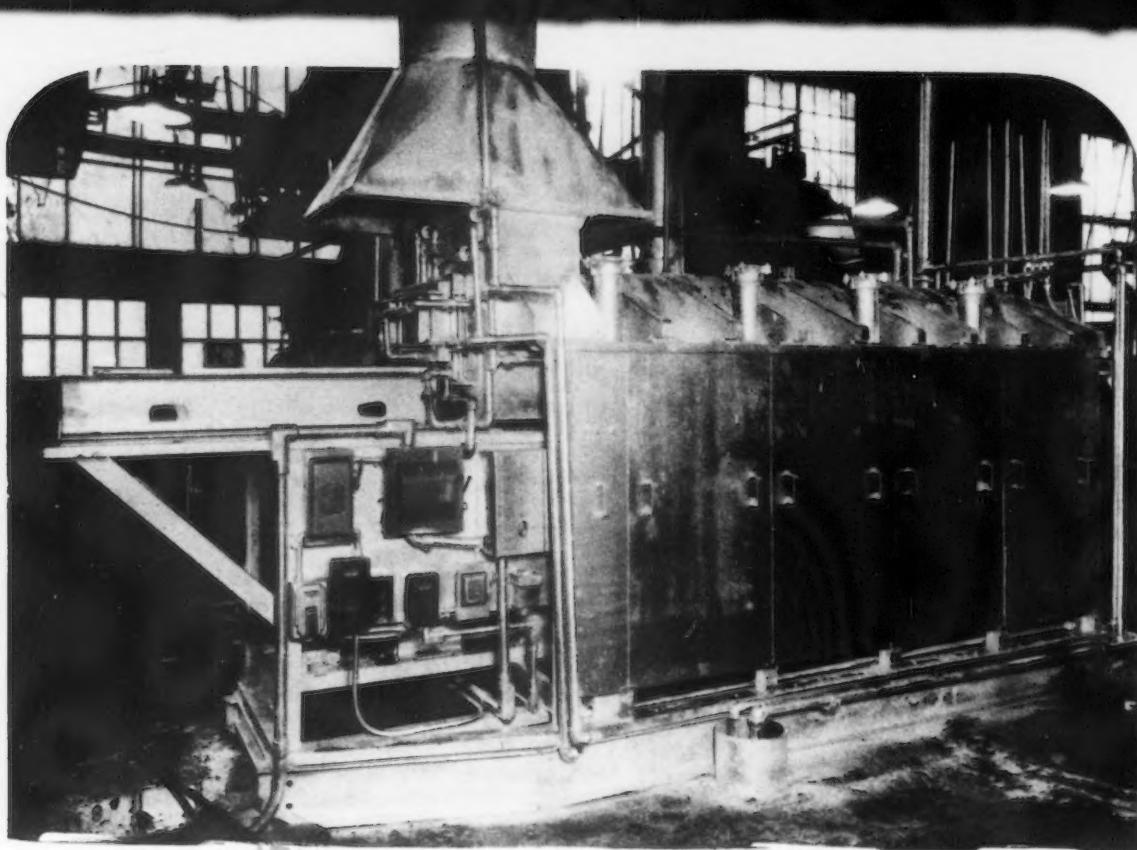


FIG. 1 - Sideview of SC rapid billet heater showing top of furnace heater tube, enclosed lower sections containing piping and controls, and the pusher type charging unit.

**A newly developed forging billet heating furnace which heats work to 2200° to 2300°F at a rate of up to 440 pieces per hr with a minimum of oxidation is described in this article. Containing a number of unusual design features, including water-cooled skidway rails, the furnace is said to have a normal refractory life. Construction, heating rates, atmospheres, controls, operating costs and furnace life are discussed.**

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**W**HILE gas has been used for high speed heating for some years, it has been applied largely to heating small or thin pieces of material as a part of the heat-treating process. Heating of larger masses of steel, such as thick bars, billets or rounds, with a minimum thickness or diameter of 1 in., and ranging up to several inches, especially where forging temperatures are desired, has been considered a relatively slow process. The wider difference in temperature required between the combustion gases and the pieces undergoing heating to shorten the heating time, necessitates furnace temperatures well above those ordinarily used. Rapid deterioration of furnace linings, skidways and other internal furnace parts due to the high temperatures has been assumed to place limitations on the process from the standpoint of maintenance and economy of furnace operation. Serious oxidation of the surfaces of work pieces, as well as furnace parts, has been considered unavoidable unless a prepared atmosphere is employed.

That these problems have been overcome and several additional advantages obtained, is now proved by the new gas-fired billet heating furnace developed by the cooperative efforts of

# Rapid Billet Heating

## With Gas

metallurgists and engineers of Willys-Overland Corp.'s Drop Forge Div., and Surface Combustion Corp., both of Toledo, Ohio. Not only are the billets heated to forging temperature in a matter of minutes, with practically no surface oxidation, but furnace life has been shown to be entirely normal.

To attain these results the adoption of numerous unconventional features of furnace design has been required. Unusual methods are used to obtain high furnace temperatures, to transfer heat as rapidly as possible to the billets, to control the heating cycle to prevent overheating, the form of furnace used, the ceramics employed, the method used to prevent deterioration, even melting of the skidways, and to minimize oxidation. Additional unusual characteristics include the flexibility of the furnace in its ability to handle pieces of various sizes and shapes, with either a minimum or no lost time for change-overs, the rapid furnace firing-up time, the relatively low initial cost of the equipment and the small floor space required.

Externally the billet heating furnace, shown in fig. 1, represents a compact, or "packaged" appearance. All space under the furnace proper has been utilized for the placement of burners, controls, etc. This space is largely covered by steel panels. The discharge end of the furnace, shown in fig. 2, is similarly sealed off, with panels and hinged doors also covering the opposite side.

The furnace proper is a cylindrical ceramic

**FIG. 2 -** View of the discharge end of the billet heating furnace which illustrates the cylindrical shape of the unit. Note downward sloping water-cooled skid rails.

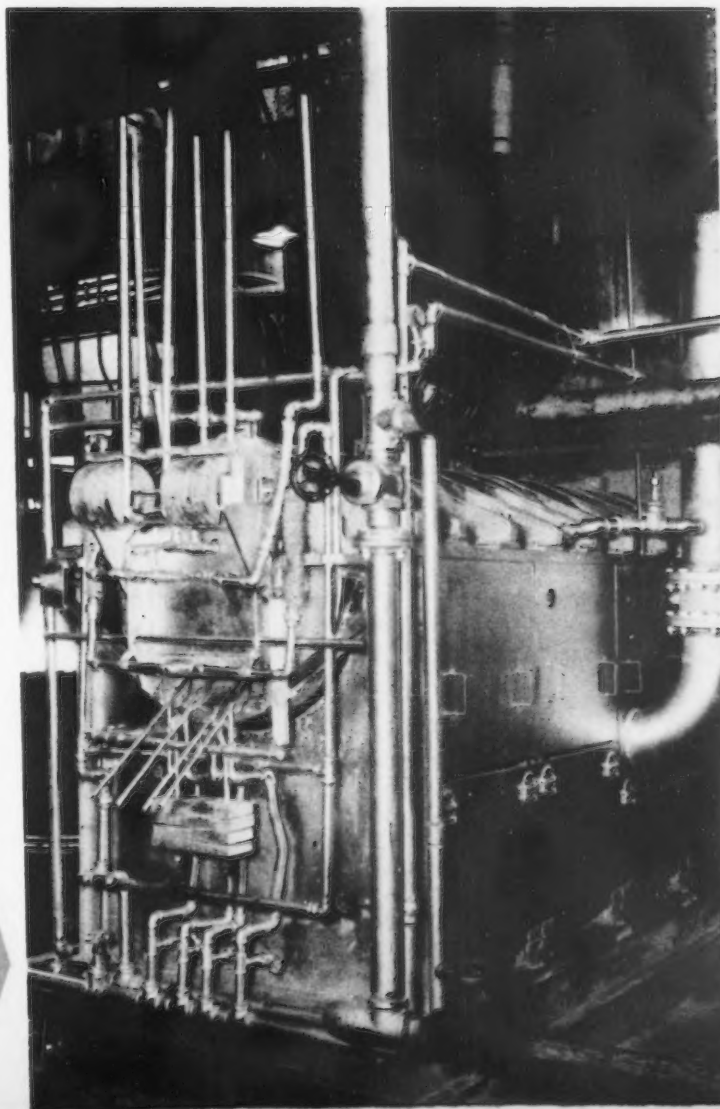
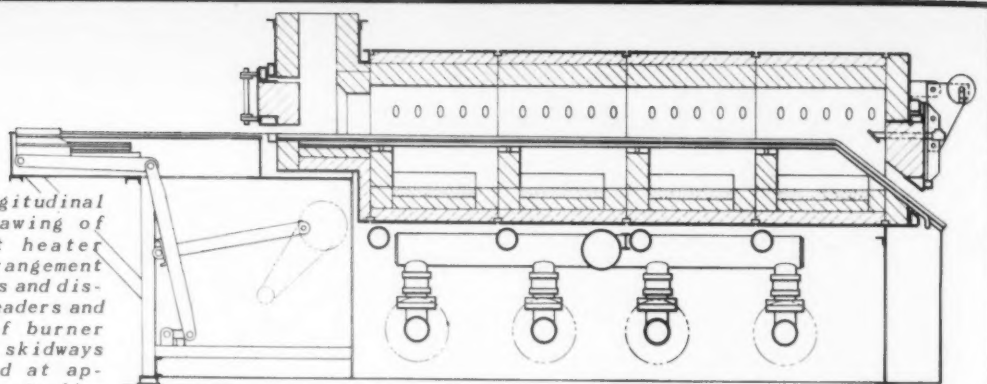




FIG. 3 - Longitudinal section drawing of the billet heater showing arrangement of manifolds and distribution headers and location of burner ports. The skidways are located at approximate centerline of the furnace.



lined steel tube approximately 21 in. ID, and 9 ft 6 in. long (see fig. 3). Forty burners are arranged 20 per side in four groups of five. The burners enter the tube approximately tangentially, producing a rotating or whirling action of the flames within the tube. Thus the hot gases do not impinge directly upon the work pieces. The work is carried through the furnace at the approximate center of the tube, but tends to remain close to the inner wall of the tube. The tube centerline is approximately 4 ft 6 in. from floor level.

Charging of the billets into the furnace is accomplished by means of a pusher mechanism located on a table at skidway height. As with the furnace piping and controls, the pusher driving mechanism is mounted underneath the charging table below the furnace tube and is also enclosed. Use of this method of charging increases the overall length of the furnace "package" to 13 ft 6 in. The pusher is of such design that it can accommodate pieces of different width and length and charge them at any desired time interval.

Discharging is accomplished simply by having the skidways bent downward near the discharge end of the tube, so that a billet drops or slides out of the furnace each time a cold billet is pushed into the charging end.

While the total time each billet is in the furnace is now limited to 6 min by the trim press rate of operation, it can be reduced to 4 min when subsequent forging operations can be performed more rapidly. The 6-min heating time permits a billet discharge rate of one each 10.7 sec or 336 per hr. The rate can, therefore, be increased to 440 per hr with the 4-min heating up time. The temperature of the billets ranges from 2200° to 2300°F, as desired, for either round, square or flat billets which may be used interchangeably without altering the skidway rail spacing. Billet dimensions may range from a diameter or thickness of from 1 to 2.5 in. for rounds, squares, or flats with a length up to 10 in. Since the maximum stroke of the charging pusher is 12 in., the width of the flats may be any dimension less than this figure. The flat billets used for tractor link forgings, one of the regular operations for which the furnace is employed, are approximately 1x4x9 in. The material is SAE1040 steel.

The short heating cycle (4 to 6 min in furnace), in combination with the nature of the

atmosphere surrounding the billets while in the furnace, results in negligible scaling. At the moment the billet reaches the forging press, the scale is believed to be approximately 0.002 in. thick, one-half of which is attributed to air scaling from the time the billet leaves the furnace until it is struck by the forging dies.

Since die life is the major item in forging cost and often justifies a large difference in heating equipment cost if die life can be increased, it is noteworthy that the life of the dies used when the billets are heated by the gas-fired furnace is of the same order as when heated by induction, that is, from 17,000 to 18,000 forgings per pair of finish dies. Die life in this range is vastly greater than when billets are heated by older slow heating box or slot furnace methods. A further factor is the uniformity of temperature of the billets when heated in the gas-fired billet heater, as compared with older methods. In fact, forge operators have expressed a preference for billets heated by this furnace due not only to uniform heating, but possibly also to the slightly higher billet temperature obtainable without endangering the heating equipment.

The high furnace temperature and virtual freedom from billet oxidation are the result of unusually close control of the air-gas mixture ratio and the method of supplying the mixture to the burners and furnace. The gas is completely pre-mixed before it is supplied to the two manifolds, one on each side of the furnace tube. The mixture is then forced to manifold headers for each section of the furnace. Individual tubes lead from the manifold headers to each burner. The arrangement is such that in effect the furnace is sectionalized into four separate furnaces, each with short mixture lines and separate temperature controls. The air-gas mixer is of the same type as the balanced pressure proportioning device used in Surface Combustion NX prepared atmosphere generators. Regulation is sensitive to gas pressure changes of 0.05 in. water column. Mixture pressure entering the manifolds is 2 psi. Pressure within the furnace tube is comparatively high, so that air infiltration into the tube cannot occur. Such infiltration would offset the rate of oxidation of the work pieces. No fire checks are used in the entire manifold system. A vertical back-fire header extends upward from the mixer, over the end of which a diaphragm is placed. With this arrangement no backfires even sufficient to damage a

pressure gage have occurred and no burner tips have been damaged.

The burners consist of ceramic tips mounted in metal holders firing into ports in the brick furnace chamber. For starting up, the burner valving is so arranged that two burners at the end of the furnace may first be ignited separately. The burners and control system may be adjusted to handle natural gas, the normal supply for the Willys-Overland Commercial Forge plant, or to use coke oven gas in emergencies. Oil standby equipment also can be installed if necessary.

The rapidity with which high temperatures may be reached is indicated by the fact that the furnace may be heated to 2500°F within 15 min from initial ignition of the end burners, while the maximum temperature of 2700°F may be attained in 1 hr.

To minimize heat losses and thus attain and maintain the high furnace temperatures noted, all sections of the lining are at least 7 in. thick. Sections exposed to maximum temperatures are lined with a special alumina brick containing no chromium or magnesite. These sections include the casing or tube, the casing ends, the charge door, a portion of the exhaust stack and the mountings for the skidway rails.

Obviously the high furnace temperature would quickly melt the skid rails unless some means of continuous cooling were provided. This is accomplished by a closed water-cooling system, the rails being ordinary pipe through which the water is rapidly circulated. The use of a closed system was decided upon initially to prevent the accumulation of scale within the rails over a period of time, such as would occur if city water were passed through them continuously. Thus no water treatment is required, since only a small initial deposition of scale can take place.

The water is circulated at a high rate through the four rails. Cooling of the circulated water is by means of city water in a heat exchanger located above the furnace assembly. The circulating pump is also located above the furnace assembly. The cooling water used, after passing through the exchanger, may be used for other purposes in the plant. If such uses prove undesirable, the installation of a cooling pond has been suggested, with the cooling water recirculated in the exchanger in the same manner as in the closed system. Pressure in the closed system is maintained at 65 psi. An expansion tank with makeup supply float maintains a pre-determined water level for the circulating pump.

To prevent melting of the skid rails in case of electric power failure, normally closed solenoid valves in the lines from the pump to the heat exchanger open to admit city water directly to the rails.

In addition to the solenoid controls which act on the water cooling system, several others either of a protective or operational nature are provided. Should the water circulating pump be intentionally stopped momentarily for any reason, only enough city water to prevent the rails from becoming overheated is admitted to the closed system. Should the supply of air for combustion become low, due to failure of power to the blower or for any other reason, the gas supply will be immediately cut off. This also takes

place in case of water pump stoppage due to power failure, or if the furnace temperature goes above the set maximum.

Due to the unusual design of the furnace, and the newness of its application, accurate costs have been kept during both the initial or experimental stages and the actual operating stages of its development. The initial or equipment cost of the furnace complete (1947 costs) ranges between \$7.00 and \$10.00 per lb per hr of productive capacity. This compares with from two to four times this range for any other heating method, if all necessary equipment is included. Gas consumption at the 10.7 sec billet delivery rate is 5000 cu ft per ton of billet weight, using 1050 Btu gas. With the tractor link die cost at \$800, the die cost per forging is 5¢ per link, virtually the same die cost per piece as for heating by the induction method. This cost is about a third that of a conventional oil or gas-fired furnace. The fact that this rapid heating furnace produces a softer scale is also a factor, since the amount of necessary die polishing is reduced. With either the faster heating rate (4 min) or a larger furnace, both initial and operating costs should be further lowered. Forge press operators state that the billets are just as uniformly heated as by any other method and that temperature control is just as precise.

Examination of the furnace lining after operation from September 1947 to January 1948 (nearly five months), when gas shortages forced a shutdown, showed no need for any replacements or repairs (see fig. 4). Minor abrasive wear on the skid rails indicated the desirability of applying a hard surfacing material to the center pair of rails. Relocation of the furnace to place it closer to the forging presses is also contemplated both to reduce air scaling and to improve the production rate.

FIG. 4 - Interior of furnace chamber after extended operation period. Note the good condition of lining and skidway rails. The furnace was returned to service without lining replacement.



# Producing the Seeburg

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THE design of the Select-O-Matic "200" Library, an automatic record changer recently introduced by J. P. Seeburg Corp. imposes several basic demands: Light weight, strength, a minimum of maintenance, and vibrationless operation. In meeting these demands, Seeburg engineers exploited to an impressive degree the potentialities of diecastings and power metallurgy. The carriage mechanism, fig. 1, makes use of 41 diecast parts and 11 powder metallurgy parts. The latter are shown in fig. 2. Of the diecast parts, 25 are aluminum and 16 are zinc. These parts range from the fractional-pound items to the aluminum main base housing, fig. 3, and the 4½ lb zinc record turn-

table, fig. 4.

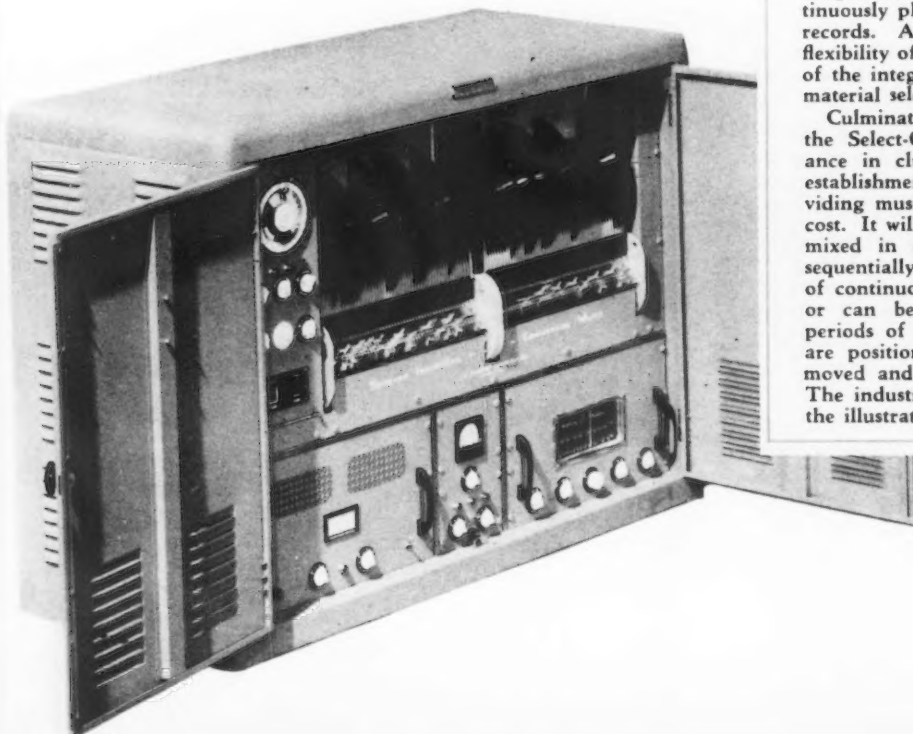
The pressed metal parts are all in iron and are all oil impregnated with SAE 20 oil, the impregnating being done cold by soaking the parts in oil for 20 hr. One precision investment casting, in Navy Bronze, is used in a heavy wear application. Some wrought steel parts are also used, particularly in the gear box. The variety of materials used in the record library is illustrated in fig. 5, a diagram of part of the unit.

In designing the gear box, where iron powder, Bakelite and steel gears are used, Seeburg engineers were guided by the maxim of never running an iron powder gear against another iron powder part. Polished steel gears are run be-

## *—About the Seeburg Select-O-Matic "200" Library:*

Heralded as an outstanding development in the entertainment field is the recently introduced Seeburg Select-O-Matic "200" Library capable of continuously playing, in a vertical position, up to 100 records. Almost human in the complexity and flexibility of its functions, it is an excellent example of the integration of effective design and effective material selection.

Culminating about 9½ years of development, the Select-O-Matic has found immediate acceptance in clubs, industrial plants and commercial establishments as a means of economically providing music to a large scattered audience at low cost. It will play either 10 or 12-in. records, intermixed in any order, and will play both sides sequentially or on one side. It can provide 14 hr of continuous unattended music without repetition or can be set to provide automatically timed periods of music at given intervals. The records are positioned vertically in the machine and removed and returned to the library automatically. The industrial Select-O-Matic Library is shown in the illustration to the left.





# Non-Stop Record Player

*The incorporation of strength, light weight, and trouble-free and vibrationless operation into the new Seeburg Select-O-Matic "200" Library involved a careful selection of materials as well as ingenuity in design. The manufacture of this unit, as well as the material selection and construction, are described in this article.*

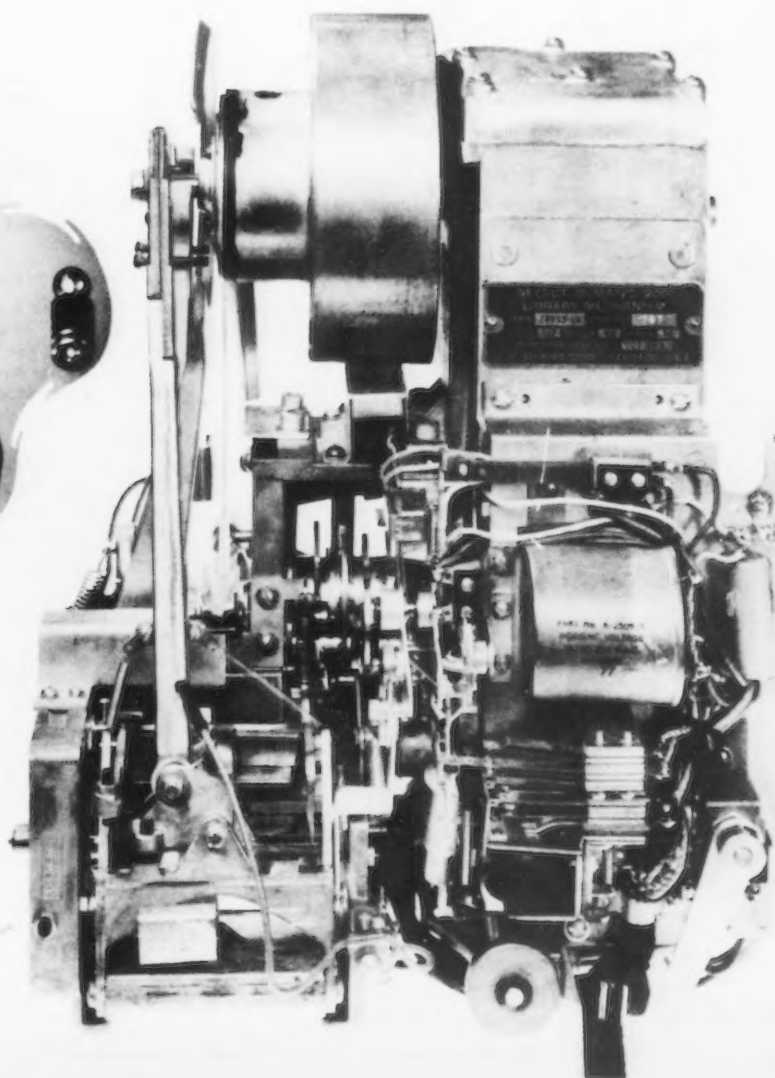
tween pressed metal parts. This is illustrated in fig. 5. The Bakelite gear, of patented design, is used to suppress any vibrations that might be set up in the gear train. This gear has an uneven number of teeth in order that the same teeth of the Bakelite gear do not mesh regularly with the same teeth in the mating gear. This is a method of reducing wear.

The motivating mechanism of the unit is the carriage, fig. 1, that moves back and forth along a gear rack running the entire length of the record library. The entire record selection depends upon the precise positioning of this carriage behind the library of records. The four primary assemblies of the carriage are the electrical assembly, the gear box, the tone arm, and



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FIG. 2 - These powdered iron parts are used in the record player. They include the clutch for the turntable, a drive mechanism gear, cams, guide wheels and several other parts. The functions of some of these parts are shown in fig. 5.



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FIG. 1 - The main carriage of the record player operates along a track in the base of the unit and selects, positions, rotates, positions the tone arm, and replaces the record in the library.

TABLE I

Machining Sequence of Finishing the Main Carriage Frame of the Seeburg Select-O-Matic Library

Operation	Tool Description	Remarks
1—Inspection.		
2—Mill three rest surfaces, 6.140 in. $\pm 0.002$ in. from top.	Index milling fixture. Mask plate, special for Hartford Super Spacer. Face Plate. Height gage. Go gage 1.254 in. diam.	Cincinnati vertical milling machine, 2-in. diam flycutter, and Hartford Super Spacer used.
3—Inspection.		
4—Ream one 0.375 in. diam hole, $+0.001$ , $-0.000$ in., $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. deep. Ream one 0.375 in. diam hole, $+0.001$ , $-0.000$ in. through. Drill four 0.1875 in. diam hole, $+0.002$ , $-0.000$ through. Drill one 0.191 in. diam hole, $+0.002$ , $-0.000$ in. through. Drill two 0.265 in. diam holes through. Drill one 5/32 in. diam hole through. Coredrill one 23/64 in. diam hole through.	Drill and reaming jig.	Use standard high speed steel 23/64 in. coredrill.
5—Deburr 11 holes drilled and ream reamed in previous operation.		Standard high speed steel 120° countersink.
6—Inspection.		
7—Mill 6.115 in. diam, $\pm 0.002$ in. to the rest surfaces.	Milling fixture. Height gage for 6.115 in. diam.	Cincinnati vertical milling machine, 6-in. diam shell end mill.
8—Mill four lugs to 1.836 in. diam, $\pm 0.002$ in. Index. Mill face to 1.031 in. diam, $\pm 0.003$ in.	Index milling fixture. Face Plate. Gage to check diameters. Depth dial indicator.	Cincinnati horizontal milling machine, 4-in. diam shell end mill. Hartford Super Space with four positions.
9—Mill four bearing faces for mounting vertical clutch housing to 0.891 in. diam $\pm 0.001$ in.	Milling fixture. Gage to check diameters. Depth dial indicator.	Cincinnati vertical milling machine, $2\frac{3}{4}$ in. diam shell end mill.
10—Mill two motor mounting pads to 3.680 in. diam, $\pm 0.003$ in.	Milling fixture, gage to check location of pads. Depth dial indicator.	Cincinnati vertical milling machine, $\frac{7}{8}$ in. diam end mill, $5\frac{1}{4}$ in. long.
11—Mill edge to 0.602 in. diam $\pm 0.005$ in. x $2\frac{3}{4}$ in. wide.	Milling fixture, gage to check location of pads and cutout, depth dial indicator.	Cincinnati vertical milling machine, $2\frac{3}{4}$ in. diam shell end mill.
12—Inspection.		
13—Bore two 0.5625 in. diam holes, $+0.001$ , $-0.000$ in. in line; and face $\frac{7}{8}$ in. diam boss to 3.805 in. diam. $\pm 0.003$ in. Chamfer 1/64x45° on outside, both sides.	Setup bar, boring fixtures, standard bolster plate, long boring bar, short boring bar, special D.E. plug gage, bore locating gage, indicating head, indicating gage to check 3.805 in. diam, indicating plunger.	Excello 1212A boring machine. Check location surfaces for chips and burrs.
14—Bore two 0.439 in. diam holes, $+0.001$ , $-0.000$ in., in line. Chamfer 1/64 in. x 45° on outside both sides.	Boring fixture, setup bar, standard bolster plate, two boring bars, special D.E. plug gage, setup fixture for 0.439 in. bore.	Excello 1212A boring machine. Use standard GO plug gage.
15—Inspection.		
16—Deburr milled surfaces.		
17—Inspection.		
18—Drill one 0.250 in. diam hole $+0.002$ , $-0.000$ in. through. Drill two 0.238 in. diam holes through, in line. Drill four 0.136 in. diam holes through. Countersink two 0.136 in. diam holes to 13/64 in. diam x 120°, using $\frac{1}{4}$ in. diam drill.	Drill and reaming jig, D.E. plug gage, special D.E. alignment plug gage.	Use extra long drill.
19—Ream two 0.2505 in. diam holes, $+0.001$ , $-0.000$ in., in line.	Drill and ream jig, special D.E. plug gage, setup fixture.	
20—Drill one 0.1065 in. diam hole through. Deburr one 0.1065 in. diam hole.	Drill plate, drill and ream jig.	
21—Drill two 0.136 in. diam holes, 5/16 in. deep. Deburr two 0.136 in. diam holes. Tap two No. 8-32 holes, $\frac{1}{4}$ in. deep.	Drill plate, holding fixture.	

Operation	Tool Description	Remarks
22—Drill two 0.238 in. diam holes through, in line. Drill two 0.1875 in. diam holes $\pm 0.002$ , $-0.000$ in.	Drill and ream jig, D.E. plug gage, setup fixture.	Use extra long drill.
23—Drill two 0.147 in. diam holes. Drill one 0.238 in. diam hole. Drill one 0.159 in. diam hole.	Indicating gage for squareness of 0.238 hole, setting master, special D.E. alignment plug gage.	
24—Ream two 0.2505 in. holes, $\pm 0.001$ $-0.000$ in., through in line. Redrill four 0.201 in. diam holes $9/16$ in. deep and countersink to $9/32$ in. diam $\times 120^\circ$ . Tap four $1/4$ -20 holes, $7/16$ in. deep. Drill one 0.255 in. diam cored hole to $13/32$ in. diam, through.	Drill and ream jig, step core-drill, special D.E. plug gage, D.E. thread plug gage, indicating gear centers gage, location plug, setup fixture, indicating gage for squareness of two 0.2505 in. in. holes, setting master, gaging plug.	Use standard high speed steel, $13/32$ in. diam core drill.
25—Stepdrill two 0.177 in. diam holes through. Ream two 0.187 in. diam holes through, $\pm 0.000$ , $-0.001$ in. Drill two 0.1015 in. diam holes through. Drill two 0.161 in. diam holes. Drill one $3/8$ in. diam hole. Drill four 0.201 in. diam holes. Drill one 0.093 in. diam hole.	Drill and ream jig, stepdrill, D.E. plug gage, setup fixture.	
26—Drill two 0.136 in. diam holes. Drill one $9/32$ in. diam hole. Redrill three 0.136 in. diam holes, one $3/8$ in. deep and two through. Countersink $13/64$ in. diam $\times 120^\circ$ , first level. Redrill two 0.136 in. diam holes $3/8$ in. deep and countersink to $13/64$ in. diam $\times 120^\circ$ , second level. Redrill two 0.136 in. diam holes and countersink to $13/64$ in. diam $\times 120^\circ$ , third level. Tap three No. 8-32 holes, one $1/4$ in. deep and two through, first level. Tap two No. 8-32 holes, $1/4$ in. deep, second level. Tap two No. 8-32 holes, $5/16$ in. deep, third level.	Holding fixture, drill plate, step-drill, D.E. thread plug gage, special D.E. plug gage.	Use standard high speed steel $120^\circ$ countersinker.
27—Drill two 0.136 in. diam holes $7/16$ in. deep. Redrill four 0.136 in. diam holes through. Redrill four 0.161 in. diam holes through and countersink $120^\circ \times 7/32$ in. diam. Drill one 0.187 in. diam hole, $\pm 0.002$ , $-0.000$ in. Tap four No. 10-32 holes. Turn jig. Redrill four 0.161 in. diam holes, $1/2$ in. deep and countersink $120^\circ \times 7/32$ in. diam. Tap four No. 10-32 holes, $3/8$ in. deep. Drill one 0.246 in. diam hole, $5/8$ in. deep. Ream one 0.250 in. diam hole, $\pm 0.002$ , $-0.000$ in., $5/8$ in. deep. Ream one 0.250 in. diam hole, $\pm 0.002$ , $-0.000$ in. Redrill four 0.201 in. diam holes and countersink to $120^\circ \times 9/32$ in. diam. Tap four $1/4$ -20 holes through.	Drill jig, stepdrill 0.161 in. diam, stepdrill 0.201 in. diam, D.E. plug and thread plug gages, setup fixture.	Use long series No. 29 drill. Use No. 10-32 extension tap.
28—Drill three 0.180 in. diam holes through. Ream two 0.187 in. diam holes through, $\pm 0.000$ , $-0.001$ in. Drill one 0.136 in. diam hole. Spotface $15/32$ in. diam five places to 3.555 in., $\pm 0.003$ in diam. Spotface $7/16$ in. diam boss to 0.212 in., diam, $\pm 0.003$ in. Countersink five 0.136 in. diam holes for tapping. Tap five No. 8-32 holes. Deburr one 0.159 in. diam hole. Tap one No. 10-32 hole through.	Drill and ream jig, extension for counterbore, D.E. plug and thread plug gages, gage to check spot-facing, gaging button and D.E. thread plug gage.	Use $1/4$ -20 extension tap.  15/32 in. diam counterbore with 0.134 in. pilot. $1/2$ in. diam counterbore with 0.157 in. pilot (standard high speed steel, $120^\circ$ countersink), No. 29, 0.136 in. diam long series drill, No. 8-32 extension tap, No. 10-32 extension tap.
29—Inspection.		



Operation	Tool Description	Remarks
30—Deburr one 0.250 in. diam hole and one 0.2505 in. diam hole. Countersink two 0.136 in. diam holes to 120° x 13/64 in. diam. Tap one No. 6-32 hole through. Tap two No. 8-32 holes through, first level. Tap two No. 8-32 holes through, second level.	Holding fixture, D.E. plug gage, D.E. thread plug gage.	Use standard 120° countersinking tools.
31—Countersink two 0.136 in. diam holes to 120° x 7/16 in. deep to 13/64 in. diam. Tap two No. 8-32 holes, 5/16 in. deep. Redrill four 0.136 in. diam holes through and countersink 120° x 13/64 in. diam. Tap four No. 8-32 holes through. Deburr one 0.187 in. diam hole, +0.002, -0.000 in. Redrill three 0.136 in. diam holes through and countersink 13/64 in. diam x 120°. Tap three No. 8-32 holes through.	Holding fixture, Stepdrill, D.E. thread plug.	Extension countersink tool and extension tap.
32—Countersink two 0.161 diam holes to 7/32 in. diam x 120°. Tap two No. 10-32 holes 3/8 in. deep. Countersink two 0.1015 in. diam holes to 5/32 in. diam x 120°. Tap two No. 5-40 holes through. Deburr two 0.187 in. holes, +0.000, -0.001 in. Redrill two 0.136 in. diam holes through and countersink to 13/64 in. diam x 120°. Tap two No. 8-32 holes through. Redrill two 0.201 in. diam holes and countersink to 9/32 in. diam x 120°. Tap six 1/4-20 holes through.	Holding fixture, stepdrill, step core-drill, three D.E. thread plug gages, and a D.E. plug gage.	Extension countersink and extension tap for first two holes listed. Standard 120° countersink tools.
33—Deburr one 0.2505 in. diam hole, +0.001, -0.000 in. Deburr one 0.250 in. diam hole, +0.001, -0.000 in., x 5/8 in. deep. Deburr one 0.250 in. diam hole, +0.002, -0.000 in. Deburr one 9/32 in. diam hole. Deburr one 0.2505 in. diam hole, +0.001, -0.000 in. Deburr two 0.1875 in. diam holes, +0.002, -0.000 in. Deburr two 0.147 in. diam holes. Deburr two 0.187 in. diam holes, both sides, +0.000, -0.001 in. Deburr one 0.180 in. diam hole, both sides. Deburr one 3/8 in. diam holes, both sides. Deburr one 0.238 in. diam hole, one side. Deburr one 13/32 in. diam hole, one side.		
34—Inspection.		
35—Deburr by hand reaming one 0.2505 in. diam hole, +0.001, +0.000 in. to remove burrs from tapping.	Special D.E. plug gage.	
36—Deburr two 0.438 in. diam holes, +0.001, -0.000 in., in line on inside, two places.	Special D.E. plug gage.	No burr deburring tool required, 7/16 in. diam.
37—Deburr two 0.5625 in. diam holes, +0.001, -0.000 in., on inside, two places.	Special D.E. plug gage.	No burr deburring tool required, 0.562 in. diam.
38—Deburr two 0.2505 in. diam holes, +0.001, -0.000 in., in line on inside, three places.	Special D.E. plug gage.	No burr deburring tool required, 1/4 in. diam.
39—Deburr two 0.2505 in. diam holes +0.001, -0.000 in., in line on inside, two places.		
40—Deburr inside of one 0.191 in. diam hole, +0.002, -0.000 in.; one 0.187 in. diam hole, +0.002, -0.000 in.; and one 13/32 in. diam hole. Deburr inside of one 0.265 in. diam hole. Deburr one 5/32 in. diam hole.		Use 3/16, 13/32, and 0.265 in. diam tools.
41—Remove all burrs not previously removed.		Use scraper for 5/32 in. hole.
42—Inspection, wash, and reinspect.		File or scraper.

the rack or track along which the carriage travels.

As the bulk of this assembly is diecast, there are a variety of machining operations that must be done. Because parts must be totally interchangeable, the necessity for machining the die castings to extremely close tolerances is vital. For example, in the gear box assembly, the gear

box itself, an aluminum die casting, must be machined so that horizontal and vertical alignment of the holes in the box are accurate to 0.001 in. In the machining, there is a multiplicity of facing, drilling and reaming operations.

All machining operations are detailed on a "Manufacturing Procedure Chart." In addition to identifying the part, the material of which it

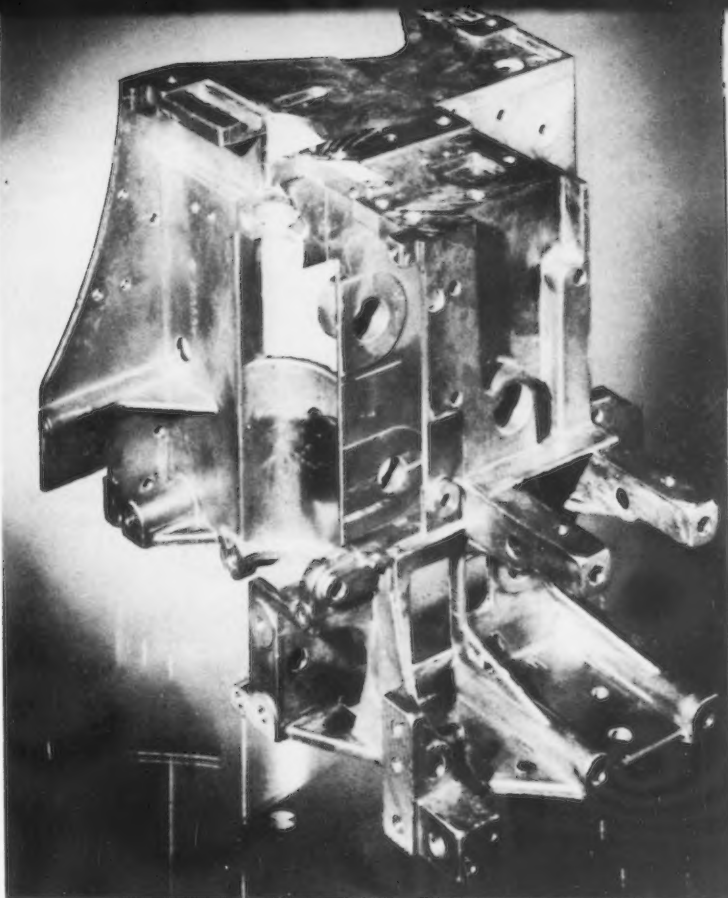


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FIG. 4 - The turntable or record rotator is a zinc diecasting that weighs 4½ lb. The black rubber ring cemented to the face of the part prevents slippage of the record during playing.

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FIG. 3 - The main carriage frame, upon which practically the entire carriage mechanism is mounted, is an aluminum die casting.



is made, and general information, it contains the machining sequence, the tool numbers, the tool description, remarks pertaining to each operation, and the department or the operation. A sample of this process chart is shown in fig. 6.

On the main diecasting that makes up the carriage frame and to which is anchored all of the remaining parts making up the carriage, there are 16 milling, 87 drilling, 11 reaming, 57 tapping, 50 deburring, 20 countersinking, four boring, four chamfering, seven spotfacing, four stepdrilling and one coredrilling operations. After being received from stock and inspected, the part is first milled on three rest or positioning surfaces in a Cincinnati vertical milling machine using a 2-in. flycutter. All subsequent machining operations are located from these surfaces. The machining sequence of finishing this main carriage frame is shown in table I.

Likewise, the machining of the gear box diecasting is set up in a prescribed sequence of operations, as are the finishing of other machined parts. In many cases, the same machines are used to machine several parts, but through the use of special jigs and fixtures, the parts can be run through in batches, depending upon which parts are needed by assembly, with little loss of time in machine setup. As stocks of finish-machined parts are built up, they are transferred as needed to the assembly floor.

Here, parts finished by Seeburg, those purchased from subcontractors, and subassemblies are brought together for assembly into the mechanism. The audio assembly is another function and is not included in the record storing and playing assembly.

Assembly progress is in the form of several feeder lines into a main assembly line. At the first station, the base, shock mounts, mounting strips, carriage track and the first main bracket subassemblies are mounted onto the base. At

station two, the trip mechanism and the safety trip mechanism, the record clamp arm and disk assembly, the cam follower arm and the cam assembly, the stripper plate and the record chute are mounted on the main carriage frame.

At the third station, the transfer arm, the record contact arm, the pilot light socket and the housing are mounted on the base. The fourth operation is to assemble the switch plate and the wiring, which is procured as subassemblies.

At the fifth station, the vertical clutch housing, the gear box, the flywheel or turntable, and the motor and motor coupling are assembled. The motor is also assembled to the gearing. These subassemblies are mounted onto the main carriage at the sixth station. At the seventh station, the pickup arm and the record cradle are assembled, and these are mounted onto the frame at the eighth station.

The switch plate cable and the wiring that was assembled at the fifth station are mounted onto the base at the ninth station and the unit is inspected. The tenth and eleventh stations are for adjustment of the unit, and at the twelfth station the selector panel is mounted to the base. The thirteenth and fourteenth stations are adjustment stations. The record magazine is mounted to the unit at the fifteenth station. At the sixteenth and seventeenth stations, the assembly is adjusted, tested and lubricated.

At the eighteenth station, the assembly is given an electrical breakdown test. Normally, the unit operates on 110 v current and is rated at 117 v. However, the electrical test involves feeding 1300 v through the equipment. This station is completely housed in a transparent plastic case to insure against accidents.

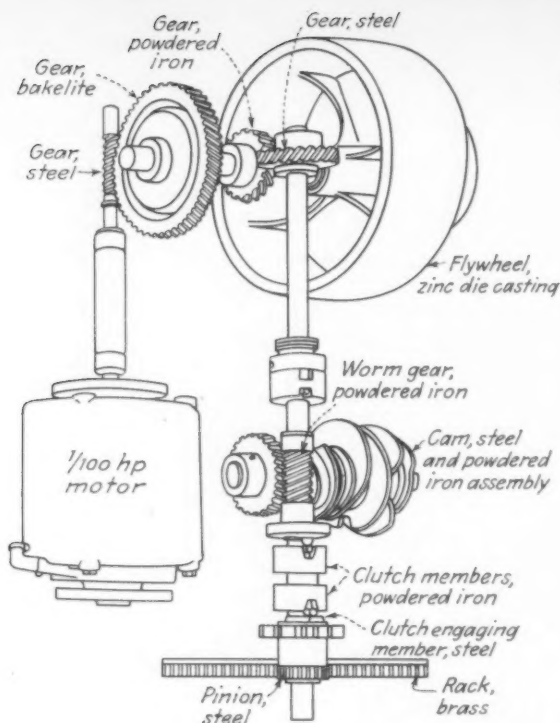


FIG. 5 - The entire unit is driven by a special 1/100 hp motor through a double gearing and clutching arrangement. The gears leading into the turntable or flywheel rotate the record and those leading into the base drive the carriage along the track.

The final station is a complete electrical and mechanical inspection of the unit. Dummy records are run in the unit, and the whole assembly must be in perfect condition.

Following assembly, the libraries are transferred to a run-in-room. Here they are operated continuously for 24 hr, and all adjustments are checked, mechanical and electrical parts are inspected, tested and adjusted, and the unit is made ready for shipment.

The Seeburg Select-O-Matic is an excellent example of engineered production. The feature of the unit itself, such as the 100 record magazine that keeps the records in playing position, vertical playing of the records, selection of any single or any group of records for playing, intermixing of 10 and 12-in. records, and others, are quite novel and definitely functional and desirable. Further, the fact that the unit can be integrally interconnected with a public address system, A.M. or F.M. radio circuits, multiple speakers, amplifiers, microphones, and remote control devices increases its commercial and industrial usefulness. The equipment doesn't obsolete existing amplification, radio broadcasting, or paging systems, but can be installed with these existing sound facilities, and made part of such equipment.

MANUFACTURING PROCEDURE CHART - J.P. SEEBURG CORP.									
RAW STOCK: Alum. Alloy Die Casting				ISSUE DATE: 5-25-48		PART NO. A-250304 755. 11		PART NAME Carriage Frame	
BLANK SIZE-WIDTH: _____				APPROV. Sample		FIRST USED ON 2003-16		SHEET 1 OF 6 SHEETS	
STRIPS/SHEET: _____				TOOL NO.		TOOL DESCRIPTION		REMARKS	
PCS/STRIP: _____									
LINEAR FT./M: _____									
5	Purch	Purchase die casting							Spec. Container req'd
10	Fit 1	Incoming inspection							Run in Cincinnati Vert. mill 6" dia. Shell mill setup on surface plate
25	Mill	Shell mill top surface		600145 600008 680061 680039	Operation layout Milling fixture Flush pin gage for 2.000 dia. Height block				Run in Cincinnati Vert. mill spot check 3.875 & 3.156 diam. Use gage 680062 6" dia. shell mill.
30	Mill	Shell mill bottom surface to 5.000 ± .005 dia.		600146 600011 680040 680042	Operation layout Milling fixture .297 Depth gage Height block				Run in Kent Owens Mill. Use 4" dia. x 1/2 side mill.
31	Mill	Mill edge to 61/64 dia.		600011	Milling fixture				
35	Crab M	Inspect							
37	Fin	Deburr milling burrs							
39	Crab	Inspect							
NOTE: THIS CHART MUST NOT BE DEVIATED FROM WITHOUT APPROVAL FROM THE PRODUCTION ENGINEERING DEPT. NOTIFY THIS DEPT. IMMEDIATELY IF CHART CANNOT BE FOLLOWED. PART PRINT MUST BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS CHART.									
50	Drill	Core Drill (1) .375 ± .0005 dia. thru.	680045	Spec. D. & plug gage .3745 - .3755					Check 1.391 & 1.612
		Core Drill (1) 15/32 dia. hole	680052	Spec. D. & plug gage .1935 - .1955					
		Tumble jig.	680052-1	Bore loc. gage					
			680054	Instruction sheet					
			680065	Loc. gage (4) .136 holes					
				Loc. gage holes in base					

FIG. 6 - The "Manufacturing Procedure Chart" prescribes the sequence of machining operations and the equipment upon which they are done.



# Welding Screw Shafts to Castings

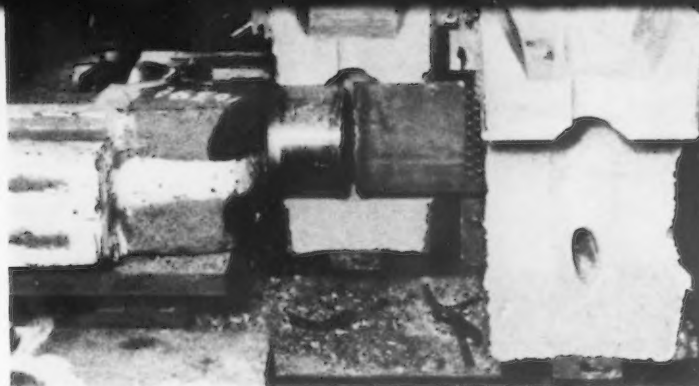


FIG. 1 - After the pattern is removed from the green sand mold, it is placed around the parts to be welded. The hole in the bottom of the half mold at right is where the metal feeds into the thermite cavity. Immediately above the weld location is a riser.

**Because cast steel adjusting screws for Hamilton presses were cracking around the shaft, a combination hot rolled or forged steel shaft and cast steel head in the form of a thermite welded assembly was adopted. The method of making this weld is described in this article.**

**A**N unusual welding job is being done at the United Welding Co., Middletown, Ohio, consisting of joining 7 to 13 in. diam SAE 1040 hot rolled steel shafts to high strength steel castings. The assembly is the adjusting screws used on Hamilton presses and the joining is accomplished by thermite welding. Fundamentally, thermite welding is a casting process, with a reaction starting at about 1200°F and producing molten steel and slag in the proportions of about one-half steel and one-half aluminum slag. At the completion of the reaction the molten steel reaches a temperature of about 5000°F, considerably higher than the steel melting point.

It is this extra heat or super-heat that makes thermite welding possible, in that it melts part of the parent metal and causes fusion between the parent metal and the thermite metal. By adding such elements as ferromolybdenum, ferromanganese, etc., to the thermite mixture, the weld metal analysis can be accurately controlled.

The press adjusting screw assembly, which can be seen in the accompanying illustrations, is preheated preparatory to welding. A green sand mold is made from a pattern in the shape of the parts to be welded, but with a collar or cavity around the weld section to provide space in the sand mold for the thermite metal. This arrangement is shown in fig. 1. The flask is a metal box, shown in fig. 2, designed to take the shaft and the cast steel head in their proper positions. After the mold is made, the metal box or flask is taken apart, the pattern is removed, the pieces to be welded are properly lined up, and the flask

with the sand in place is fitted around the parts. A space is left between the parts to be welded, as shown in fig. 1, so that the thermite metal can surround the ends of both parts of the assembly and heat those surfaces to a fusing point.

At the time the mold is made, provisions are made for a lower heating gate, a pouring gate and a top riser. Bottom pouring is employed. This gating arrangement can be seen in fig. 1. With the mold in place, the parts are heated through the lower gate by a kerosene torch. It is necessary that the temperature of the parts be brought to about 1600°F, otherwise the thermite metal would not generate enough heat to make the weld. When the mold is up to temperature, the torch is removed and the heating gate is plugged with sand.

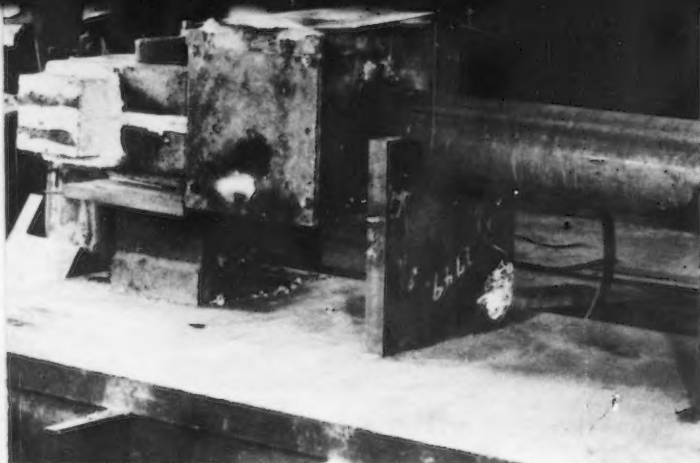
The crucible with the thermite mix is hung over the mold and the thermite reaction is started. Upon completion of the reaction in the crucible, the bottom plug in the crucible is knocked out. This bottom pouring allows molten metal to enter and fill the mold, and the slag runs out last, filling the top slag pocket. The pouring is in process in fig. 3.

Several hours are required for the mold to cool to a point where the steel box can be removed and the sand cleaned away. The risers are cut off with a gas torch, and the welded parts are normalized. Fig. 4 shows a completed assembly after removal of the gates and risers.

The adjusting screws for the Hamilton presses must take the entire load of the press, in that the presses have neither tie rods nor crowns.

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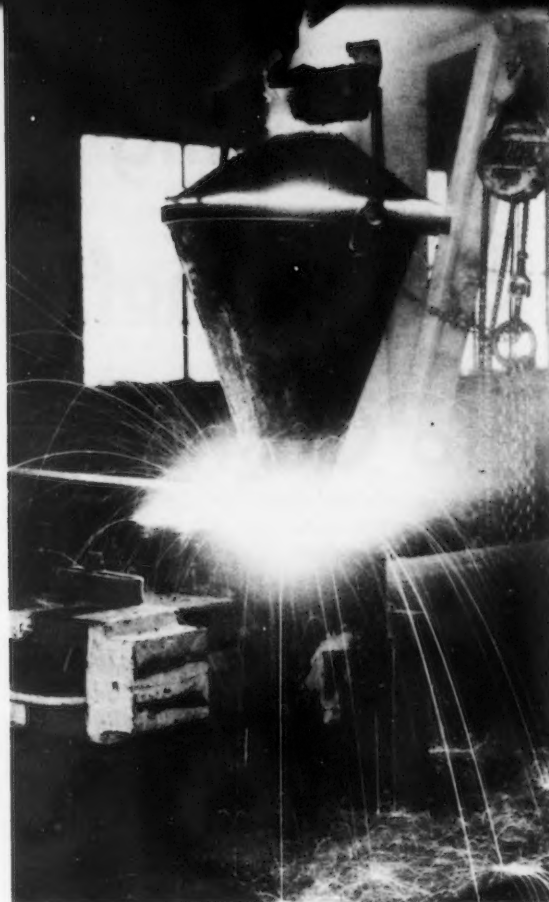


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FIG. 2 - The metal box enclosing the mold and the positioning arrangement of the two parts of the adjusting screw are shown here. This photo was taken during preheating.

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FIG. 3 - The thermit reaction in the crucible takes about 4 min and the pouring less than 1 min. The pouring action is just starting in this photograph.



The slides are pulled down onto the press bed by means of eccentric links which pin into the heads of the adjusting screws. These in turn are fastened into the bed. The screws also allow adjustment of the shut height of the press.

As first designed, the entire assembly of head and screw was a high strength casting. Difficulty was experienced in getting sound castings, and cracks and holes were especially prevalent around the shaft, just under the head. To eliminate this, considerable stock was added to the shaft. The stock necessitated the removal of about  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. on each side. This increased the cost of the casting as well as added considerable to the machining costs.

By casting the head and thermit welding it to a hot rolled shaft or forging, the savings in both material and machining costs are considerable.

Only  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. finish machining instead of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. is required with the welded assembly. Thermit welding is not cheap, because the mix itself is expensive. However, on this particular job it is estimated that, on the average, savings on each screw amount to about \$125. Since each press requires from two to four screws, the savings are substantial.

The range of sizes of shafts welded is from 7 to 13 in. diam. The space provided between the end of the shaft and the end of the casting is from  $\frac{7}{8}$  to  $1\frac{1}{4}$  in. The end surfaces are gas cut to give a scale or oxide that protects the surface of the shaft during preheating. Preheating requires 4 to 6 hr; the thermit reaction about 45 sec, and the pouring less than 1 min. To give the weld a grain correction, the assembly is normalized at 1650°F before final machining, and then air cooled.

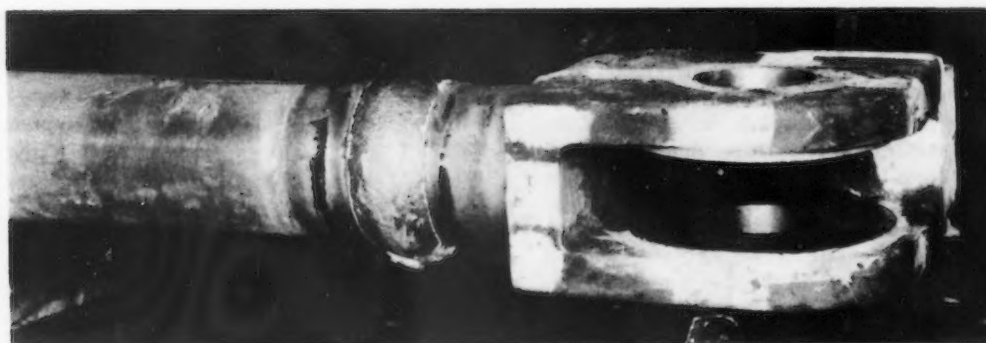


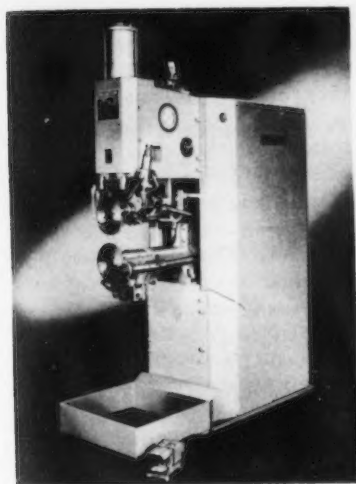
FIG. 4 - View of a completed weld after removal of the gate and riser.

# New Production Ideas . . .

Seam welders and a bench type spotwelder, universal and plain milling machines, a punch press, grinders, dip cleaning machines, and an inspection table are featured this week. Small tools and instruments include keyway broaches, die chasers, collet chucks, electrodes, welding tip cleaners, a thread comparator, Brinell hardness indicator, and a flexible template.

## Roller Head Seam Welders

A LINE of roller-head seam welders that comprises light, medium and heavy duty models for circular welding, longitudinal welding and a combination of both, fea-

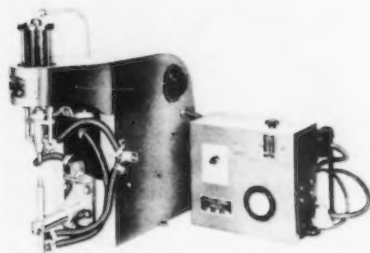


ture a head guided and aligned by four sets of antifriction rollers to insure that welding wheels will follow small deviations in material thickness and contour. These machines maintain constant weld pressures even where stock thickness varies along the seam, assuring even weld characteristics. In design, the front of these machines, developed by *Progressive Welder Co.*, 3050 E. Outer Drive, Detroit 12, are rigid and well braced while in the rear where stresses are not severe, construction is light. Quick changing from circular to longitudinal welding and back is another feature. Large throat clearance is provided to accommodate bulky work and transformer is close coupled to the welding arms to reduce current loss. Welders may be used for continuous, water or gas-tight seam welding, or for roll-spot welding. They may be used for cold

rolled, stainless or other alloy steels, aluminum and other nonferrous alloys as well as various coated materials.

## Bench Type Spotwelder

FOR joining small metal parts, *Weldex Inc.*, 7344 McDonald Ave., Detroit 10, has introduced a new, fully automatic  $7\frac{1}{2}$  kva bench type spotwelder. The welder handles light nonferrous metals of the same or dissimilar alloy and thickness, on a high speed production basis and will also give efficient, low-cost operation on ferrous metals up to two thicknesses of 14

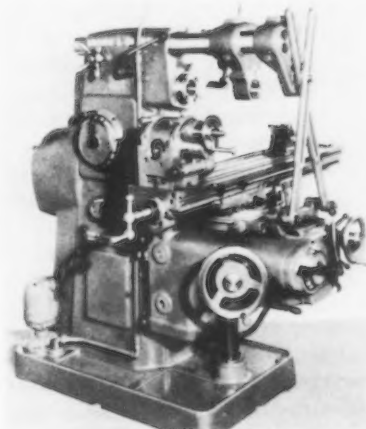


gage cold-rolled sheet or equivalent. High electrical efficiency is assured through superior transformer design coupled with a shorter secondary welding circuit, it is stated. In addition to air strainer, regulator, gage and lubricator, standard equipment includes a built-in four-step transformer tap changing switch, single acting air cylinder, magnetic contactor, and electronic timer. The welder is furnished for 220 v, 60 cycle, single phase ac operation. Standard throat depth is  $4\frac{1}{2}$  in.

## Milling Machines

NEW 5 hp universal and plain milling machines incorporating the extended spindle face, announced by *Browne & Sharpe Mfg.*

*Co.*, Providence 1, have an increased vertical capacity, a No. 50 milling machine standard taper hole in spindle, suitable spindle speeds for larger cutters, and ample rigidity for using the greater power. Full



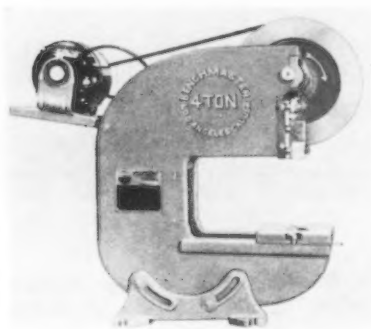
5 hp, all-gear drive is provided to cutters. Cutting feed and fast travel are independently all-gear driven by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  hp motor synchronized with spindle motor. Fast travel of 75 ipm in all directions, is available with spindle rotating or stopped. A single lever selects any of the 18 spindle speeds from 30 to 1200 rpm. The universal and plain machines have a longitudinal feed of 28 in., transverse feed of 10 in., and vertical feed of  $16\frac{1}{2}$  in.

## Punch Press

THROAT depth on a 4-ton punch press, announced by *Benchmaster Mfg. Co.*, 2952 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles 6, has been increased to punch to the center of a  $17\frac{1}{2}$ -in. circle, making the press suited to sheet metal work and jobs requiring deep horizontal space. Adequate power is furnished on most jobs with a  $\frac{1}{3}$  hp motor. The press may be used either with or



without the 6x8x1-in. bolster plate. The standard deep throat punch press is supplied with 1 or 1¼-in. stroke. The ram position is adjustable. A positive, single trip, safety mechanism is employed to engage



the flywheel. The new press may be supplied as a bench or pedestal model with inclinable frame positioning.

#### Power Press Pitman

**T**O prevent power press overloading, a hydro-pneumatic pitman is now available which is designed so that when overloading occurs during the work cycle, the pitman, which carries the ram of the press, retreats the required amount against a high pressure hydraulic cylinder. This allows the overload linkage to shorten and permits the press to continue through its work cycle with the desired pressure and working protection afforded the machine, tools and work. Resetting and re-establishing of the fluid in the cylinder is accomplished by a pneumatic pumping mechanism operated off the shop air line, assuring constant hydraulic pressure on the piston and constant working pressure at all times. The press ram adjustment is made in the usual manner. The hydraulic pitman is manufactured by *Dayton Rogers Mfg. Co.*, 2824 13th Ave., S., Minneapolis 7, in sizes from 55 tons up to fit all presses.

#### Safety Abrasive Wheel

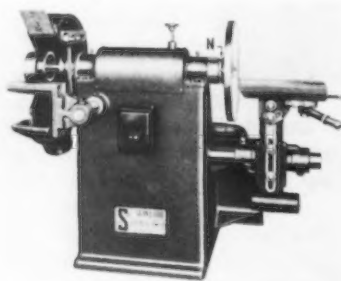
**A** SAFETY abrasive wheel, developed by *J. C. Mfg. Co.*, 259 7th Ave., New York, features a simple rotary locking mechanism for replacing the abrasive cloth and is guaranteed not to open while in motion. Wheels are 5 or 6 in. diam, have an all metal frame, 7/8 in. bore, 1½ in. wide abrasive, with 100 pct wool felt cushion.

#### Keyway Broaches

**A** SET of standard Keyway Broaches has been developed by *Zagar Tool, Inc.*, 23880 Lakeland Blvd., Cleveland 17, for use on short stroke broaching machines in plants where there are many different sizes of holes with different sizes of keyways to be produced in production quantities. The standardized broaches make keyways ½ in. wide x ¼ in. deep x 4 in. long on 20-in. stroke broaching machines and keyways up to 1 in. wide x ½ in. deep x 6 in. long on 33 in. stroke broaching machines.

#### Grinder-Disk Grinders

**A** FEATURE of the redesigned grinder-disk grinders made by *Standard Electrical Tool Co.*, 2505 River Rd., Cincinnati 4, is thrust-bearing construction that permits bearing wear to be taken up with-



out dismantling the spindle assembly. This machine has a self-contained belted motor drive. The enclosed ball bearing motor is on an adjustable bed plate attached to the back of the pedestal. Power is transmitted through multiple V-belt drive. Left hand side is arranged for a maximum of 24x3x1¼ in. grinding wheel powered by a 10-hp motor. The smallest size is 10 in. with a 1 hp motor. The right hand side is arranged to accommodate plate mounted disk grinding wheel from 24 to 10 in. diam, depending on size of machine. Optional equipment is either the lever feed universal table or a plain swivel table.

#### Carbide Tipped Die Chasers

**C**ARBIDE tipped die chasers with ground thread forms are now available for selected applications on turret lathes, automatics and threading machines. Made by *Jones & Lamson Machine Co.*, Springfield, Vt., these die chasers are said to increase threading

speeds with greater tool life and economy. They are effective in steel and more efficient in hard rubber, fiber and abrasive materials which have a rapid dulling action on ordinary chasers.

#### Electric Bench Grinder

**A**N electric bench grinder announced by *Speedway Mfg. Co.*, 1834 S. 52nd Ave., Cicero 50, Ill., uses grinding wheels 6x¾ in. that are operated by a ¼ hp air cooled motor. Tool rests are fully adjustable to compensate for wheel wear and built-in side guides of preset angles simplify proper grinding of tools.

#### Collet Chuck Lathe

**A** MODIFICATION of the quick-acting Goodwin collet chuck has been made to adapt it for use with a standard electric motor to perform as a low cost lathe for secondary operations such as deburring, filing, and polishing. This adaption of the chuck, made by *Goodwin Mfg. Co.*, Cuyahoga Falls 25, Ohio, varies from its conventional use on tool room and production lathes, and conversion is accomplished by addition of shaft adapter and adjustable stop. A spring ejector is available. The chuck body is made in two parts for mounting accuracy and is designed to run true on the motor



shaft. Models are available with straight or tapered holes. Positive gripping is supplied through a control lever and powerful pressure is said to be exerted through a multiple leverage principle that utilizes cantilever action of hardened steel fingers. A 1-in. capacity size fits

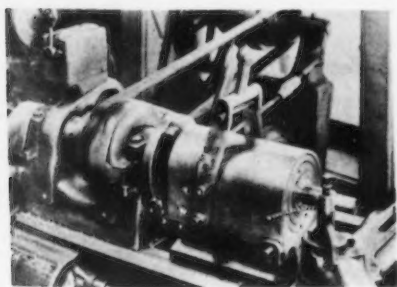
motors having up to 1½-in. shaft diam with the OD chuck diam of 3½ in. The 2-in. capacity model fits any shaft up to 3¾ in. diam with the OD chuck diam of 5½ in.

### Brinell Hardness Indicator

A DIRECT reading Brinell hardness number indicator, called Brinell Hardness Reader, developed by Harry W. Dietert Co., 9330 Roselawn Ave., Detroit 4, fits into the hand. The dial of the unit is calibrated in Brinell hardness numbers, with two calibrations available; one for the 10 mm ball diameter with 3000 kg load and the other for the 10 mm ball diameter with 500 kg load. The Brinell hardness impressions are made in the usual manner with a Brinell tester, after which the Reader is pressed against the piece under test so that the ball point of the Reader enters the impression. The hand of the Reader will point to the correct Brinell hardness number without the use of a conversion table.

### Collet Speed Chuck

ROTATING on its own precision ball bearings a new type of collet speed chuck, designed by Zagar Tool, Inc., 23880 Lakeland Blvd., Cleveland 17, increases the holding capacity, maintains accuracy, and eliminates overhang and chatter. It derives its turning power from the spindle of the machine to which it is attached. The collet remains stationary while opening and closing, making it possible to maintain accurate length dimensions on parts being machined. The working mechanism of the collet closing device is located



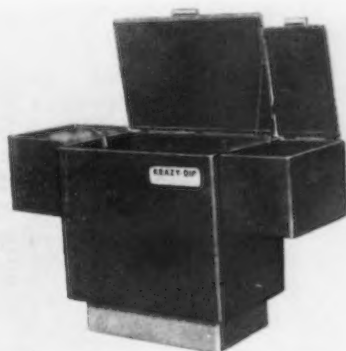
between the two precision ball bearings. Chucks are designed in 1 and 2-in. through capacities, made to order to suit any type lathe, grinding machine, or other rotating spindles. The 1-in. size uses a standard 5C collet and the 2-in. size, a Zagar No. 310 draw-type master collet with No. 6 W&S collet pads.

### Instrument Air Dryers

THE BY line of Lectrodryers developed for drying instrument air are fully automatic, which makes possible the reactivation, cooling and reversal of the machines' dual adsorber towers without manual attention. They are built for operation with either steam or electric reactivation. Standard sizes range up to 5000 cfm. This line, manufactured by Pittsburgh Lectrodryer Corp., Pittsburgh 30, removes moisture from air and gases by means of the physical phenomenon known as solid adsorption.

### Dip Cleaning Machine

A FULLY automatic unit known as the Krazy Dip cleaning machine, which is recommended for washing metal parts in automotive and aircraft shops, service stations,

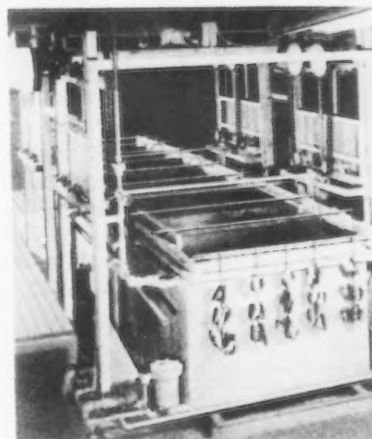


repair shops and metalworking plants, has been marketed by Magnus Chemical Co., Inc., Garwood, N. J. This is a cold cleaning machine that requires no heating. Extra agitation moves parts in the cleaning solution 160 times a minute, the carbonized oil and dirt being forced from crevices and washed to outside. The unit operates from an air compressor and uses no pump, electric motor, speed reducer, gears or belts. Air consumption is 1 to 2 cu ft per min and minimum pressure required is 50 psi. The cleaner is built of 14 gage sheet with hinge cover and fusible safety link.

### Cleaning and Pickling Machines

AUTOMATIC handling equipment for cleaning and pickling metals before plating and for successive dipping processes in other industries have been developed by Belke Mfg. Co., 947 N. Cicero Ave.,

Chicago 51. The machine consists of a series of tanks with mechanism for automatically lifting and transferring racked parts on rods from tank to tank progressively at



any desired preset interval from 10 sec to 20 min. A large fixed processing frame with processing saddles for each tank extends the length of the tanks and beyond at the unloading end to form an unloading saddle. A chain type conveying mechanism moves the transfer frame around a rectangular circuit. Once set the transfer machine operates automatically. The automatic timer may be turned off and the machine operated by start and stop push button control. The standard automatic transfer machine accommodates 8 tanks approximately 24 in. wide x 48 in. long x 42 in. deep.

### Form Tool Blanks

A COMPLETE line of circular form tool blanks to be used for circular tools on all types of automatic screw machines has been announced by Production Service Co., 1060 Broad St., Newark 2, N. J. These blanks are made from a standard brand 18-4-1 high speed steel, and can be furnished soft or in a hardened condition, having Rc 64-65 hardness.

### Hard Surfacing Electrodes

TWO new electrodes of the coated tubular type for depositing abrasion resisting surfaces have been manufactured by Lincoln Electric Co., Cleveland 1. Electrodes are steel tubes in which is contained a hard surfacing alloy in a concentrated form. Alloy is deposited into the molten crater where it is either bonded into an



iron alloy matrix or alloyed by the heat of the arc with the base metal to create the final hard surfacing alloy. Tungweld C is recommended for tools where abrasion is severe. Tungweld F produces a smoother, thinner and sharper edge. Both electrodes are available in 14-in. size, packed in 5 lb containers.

### Welding Tip Cleaner

A WELDING tip drill kit approximately the size of an automatic pencil has been designed by J. M. Ragle Industries, Kansas City. The end is a tempered steel double-end chuck holding drill sizes 45 to 80. The handle holds 24 different size carbon steel drills. Twelve assorted drills in even number sizes 52 to 74 are supplied with the kit.

### Pulley Lagging

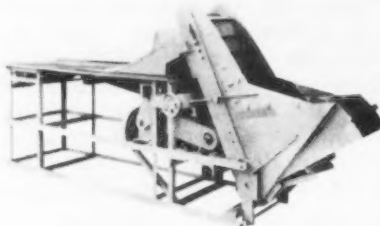
ALL-PURPOSE waterproof lagging that is quickly and easily applied without rivets, bolts, or heat, and that dries within 10 hr at room temperature has been produced by *Condersite Engineering Corp.*, 2015 Chancellor St., Philadelphia 3. This tough, wear-resistant lagging is weather and corrosion resistant, unaffected by sulfuric acid, oxidizing agents, soaps, alcohol, etc. The lagging consists of a mineral base fabric and the Condersite waterproof compound. The lagging, which is suitable for crown, split and flat pulleys, for use with leather, cord, wire-woven, or rubber belts, comes in units of 70x40" treated fabric and sufficient compound for application, cut to sizes for any pulley, or in rolls of widths up to 42 in.

### Bonding Film

A METAL-TO-METAL bond resistant to shear tests up to 3500 psi is provided by a film of pure adhesive called Scotch-Weld Bonding Film, announced by *Minnesota Mining & Mfg. Co.*, 900 Fauquier Ave., St. Paul. It is transparent, 100 pct adhesive, with no supporting material. The film is placed between units to be bonded and is cured by simultaneous application of heat and pressure—a heat of 300° to 500°F for 5 to 60 min and a pressure of 25 to 100 psi, both varying with type of bond desired. Preparation of surfaces requires only conventional cleaning. The film comes in rolls like tape and is not tacky to the touch.

### Inspection Table

AN elevator hopper on an inspection table, announced by *D. H. Prutton Machinery & Tool Co.*, 5295 W. 130th St., Cleveland, feeds



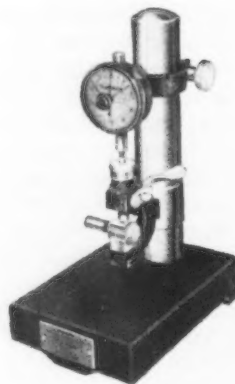
any small, mass-production item on a 2x8-ft conveyor belt for visual inspection. A multi-speed transmission and a variable angle control allow any desired distribution on the table. Small parts, such as nuts, bolts, washers, etc., can be inspected at the rate of 130,000 pieces per hr. The inspection table requires only 48 sq ft of floor space.

### Flexible Template

AN adjustable spring template designed for all kinds of layout work is now available. The template, manufactured by *Flexible Template Co.*, Camden, N. J., is set and locked to reproduce desired shape, contour, curve or radius. When unlocked, it springs back into original position.

### Thread Comparator

THE Swanson thread comparator, manufactured by *National Automatic Products Co.*, 23 Whiting St., New Britain, Conn., tells



at a glance whether a product is oversize, undersize, eccentric, tapered or if lead error exists. The indicator records work visually to accepted ring gage tolerances. It is said to save production time and

lower overhead costs by cutting precision inspection time, by reducing maintenance cost of gages, and by replacing ring gages and setting plugs. The comparator consists of the stand with indicator and standard thread unit. All classes and forms of threads in any size to 1½ in. may be checked to ring gage tolerances. One unit and one setting plug, by allowing difference on indicator, will take care of four thread classes.

### Paint Stripper

A NEW cold solvent material designed to permit fast, thorough removal of paint and similar finishes from metal surfaces has been announced by *Oakite Products, Inc.*, 130H Thames St., New York 6. For use at room temperature, this Composition No. 15 may be applied by tank immersion method or by swabbing or brushing. This is followed by hot pressure-rinse to remove loosened paint particles.

### Industrial Counter

TYPE 82-A single control register, produced by *Ohmer Corp.*, Dayton, is a double counter featuring an upper set of figures recording a count up to 999, and a lower set of figures giving a grand total, accumulative up to 99,999. The upper total may be returned to zero at any time—at the end of a shift, a run, or the completion of a count. The register is operated by a lever, moved by hand or actuated by any mechanism with a reciprocating motion. The counter can be fitted with a bell to ring at each operation.

### Safety Floor Finish

ELIMINATION of falls resulting from hazardous footing is possible with the new safety floor finish, Traffic-Tred, a product of the *Watson-Standard Co.*, 225 Galveston Ave., Pittsburgh 30. The material is an abrasive floor coating that is applied like paint. It dries to a hard, rough surface with a texture much like coarse sandpaper, and works equally well on steel, wood or concrete, removing most of the danger from walking areas subject to dampness, greasiness, or other slippery conditions. Surfaces treated with Traffic Tred are readily cleaned and easily renewed or patched, it is stated.



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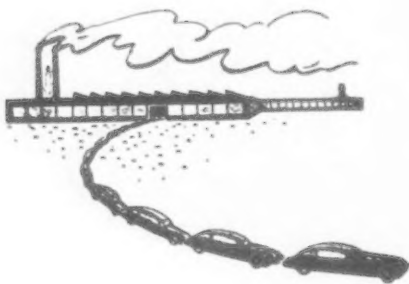
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# Assembly Line . . .

WALTER G. PATTON

• GM engineers give results of research on its high compression engines . . . New plant to build GM's hydraulic units . . . Ford adds to its steel facilities.



**D**ETROIT—This week General Motors gave the industry's top engineers another peek under the hood at its high compression engines. The occasion was a meeting of the Society of Automotive Engineers where John M. Campbell, Darl F. Caris and Dr. Lloyd L. Withrow of GM Research Laboratories read a paper on the subject, "Increasing the Thermal Efficiencies of Internal Combustion Engines."

With the entire automobile industry absorbed at the moment in high compression engines, the GM paper naturally drew considerable attention. It is well known that Oldsmobile will soon begin pilot production of a high compression engine that is expected ultimately to operate at a 12.5 compression ratio. Cadillac, it is understood, will introduce a new high compression engine, probably in October or early November. Ford engineers are also working intensively on high compression motors for their three lines of cars.

The fact that Chrysler's phenomenal rise in the industry followed

closely its introduction of a high compression engine has left its engineers fully conscious of the possibilities of high compression ratios. Some sources believe a high compression engine may be one of the surprise packages in Chrysler's new model plans.

The strongest argument for high compression engines is, of course, fuel economy. The paper discloses that comparative studies of standard production engines and a research laboratory six-cylinder high compression engine have shown fuel economy ranging up to 40 pct, plus an efficiency increase over the standard engine.

With the high compression engine, the report said, "still greater gains are to be had in road-load economy at car speeds lower than 40 miles per hr."

"Gains as high as 50 pct have been observed in tests made to compare the high compression engine with the 6.5-1 engine under city traffic conditions, the paper disclosed.

The GM researchers also stated that the new engines are up to accepted standards of smoothness, flexibility and performance.

Ignition is obtained with a 6-v battery system, using a modified conventional coil.

The immediate hope for high compression engines stems from intermediate designs GM has designed and tested since the original experimental engines were built. Several engines have been designed to operate at compression ratios "intermediate between current production levels and that of the 12.5 experimental engine."

Two of these engines operating at 8 to 1 ratios have been tested, the report discloses. These engines can be operated with some of the better premium grades of gasoline sold commercially since the war (i. e., ethyl premium gasolines). With these fuels, the GM researchers claim, gains in economy as high as 25 pct were realized.

Gains in fuel economy of 10 to 25 pct are possible at octane levels "not much above those established

by some premium gasolines," the report said.

**P**ART of GM's enthusiasm for its engines stems from the fact that the petroleum industry now has manufacturing capacity to produce about 20 pct of its total volume of gasoline in the 96 to 98 research-octane range. "This would be sufficient to supply gasoline for several years production of cars requiring this type of fuel," the authors contend.

The GM engineers admitted that the production of 96 to 98 octane fuel in quantities larger than this would require drastic capital equipment readjustments within the petroleum industry.

Spokesmen for the oil industry have repeatedly emphasized this point and have warned the public against building its hopes too high on the quick introduction of high compression engines. In addition, the industry proposed a study of a dual-fuel system in which the carburetor would be supplied with both high and low octane gasoline. The high octane fuel would be used only when the throttle is opened wide enough to require a high grade fuel. In this way the petroleum industry believes it may be able to greatly extend the usefulness of limited quantities of high-octane gasoline.

Another counter proposal to GM's high compression engine plans is the proposed injection of methyl alcohol, water and tetra-ethyl lead. This would require the installation of a supplementary fuel tank located under the hood of the car. The mixture would be fed by gravity to a vacuum-controlled jet, admitting antiknock mixture at the throttle openings requiring high octane fuel mixtures.

Successful introduction of engines utilizing high octane fuel by any of these models would require much larger quantities of high octane gasoline, the GM engineers contend, hence the need for higher octane fuel on a nationwide basis is inevitable as they see the present situation.

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As in the case of every important development, the report concludes, this will take time, especially since time will also be required to assure availability of the proper fuels.

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**P**ARALLELING its work with high compression engines, General Motors is moving forward with its automatic transmission plans. This week GM announced a new unit of the Detroit transmission division containing about a quarter million square feet of floor space will be built soon on Plymouth Road between Middlebelt Road and Inkster Road outside Detroit.

For the present, the new unit will function as a feeder for the main GM transmission division located in Detroit. At the present time, this division is producing 2000 units per day for Cadillac, Oldsmobile and Pontiac.

GM officials have explained that more than 900,000 hydramatic transmissions have been built since this unit was introduced 9 years ago.

Early this year, Pontiac adopted hydramatic for the first time. Reports indicate that the demand for Pontiac units far exceeds the present supply. A few months ago there were reports of requests for quotations from GM Transmission Div. for a number of new machine tools. This program was shelved several months ago, and little has been heard from it since that time.

GM has disclosed that the main

manufacturing section of the new building will be one story construction with two stories on the front to accommodate offices. The new plant will include a modern plant hospital, cafeteria, locker room, and a large parking area. It is expect-

#### Detroit

• • • For the second time in 60 days, Chrysler has raised the prices of all its models. The increase ranges from \$58 to \$98. Plymouth, Dodge, DeSoto and Chrysler prices are affected.

The company ascribes the higher costs to soaring prices for basic materials, transportation and other materials.

The previous price advance on June 22 raised Chrysler prices from \$75 to \$131.75.

ed that 1500 workers will be employed in the new plant.

**T**HIS week there were also reports that a substantial tooling program is under way at the transmission division at Saginaw. Most sources believe this is an automatic transmission unit of the torque converter type, possibly for Chevrolet.

With the simultaneous announcement of increased facilities for building transmissions of the hydramatic type and the request for quotations for machine tools required to build torque converter transmission units, observers here were wondering which type unit—

the hydramatic or the torque converter—would eventually prove to be the most popular. Informed sources believe that GM has already made plans to convert its present hydramatic plant over in case the torque converter transmission eventually dominates this field. Experts here believe such a switch could be made without great difficulty.

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**A**NOTHER significant expansion program in the auto industry is a half million dollar openhearth slag and skull cracker building being erected at Ford's Rouge plant. This building is 550 ft long and will be built in two sections. The section used to crack skulls from the bottom of slag ladles will be 175 ft long, 90 ft wide and 104 ft high.

The slag section of the building will be 380 ft long.

Ford's present practice is to cut skulls to pieces with an acetylene torch. The new operation will utilize a 40-ton magnetic crane to lift a 15-ton steel ball 90 ft into the air.

Ford proposes to use a 350 ft long pit, 56 ft wide and 10 ft deep, which will be filled with slag from the openhearth. The slag will be sprayed with water to break it into small pieces.

The operator controlling the flow of the water will be enclosed in a small steel-plate cupola. Ford will scoop the slag out of the pit into railroad cars and sell it as road ballast. It is expected the new building will be completed by the end of November.

Reports have been heard that Ford is also proposing the installation of new equipment to supply all its demands for welded tubing.

**MODERN PLOWJOCKEY:** Willys-Overland's new aluminum Jee-CAB lends a modern touch to the age old job of turning over soil. And it makes the job much more comfortable because it is designed with two-way insulation to provide protection from the heat of the summer sun.



## Chrysler Earnings Drop

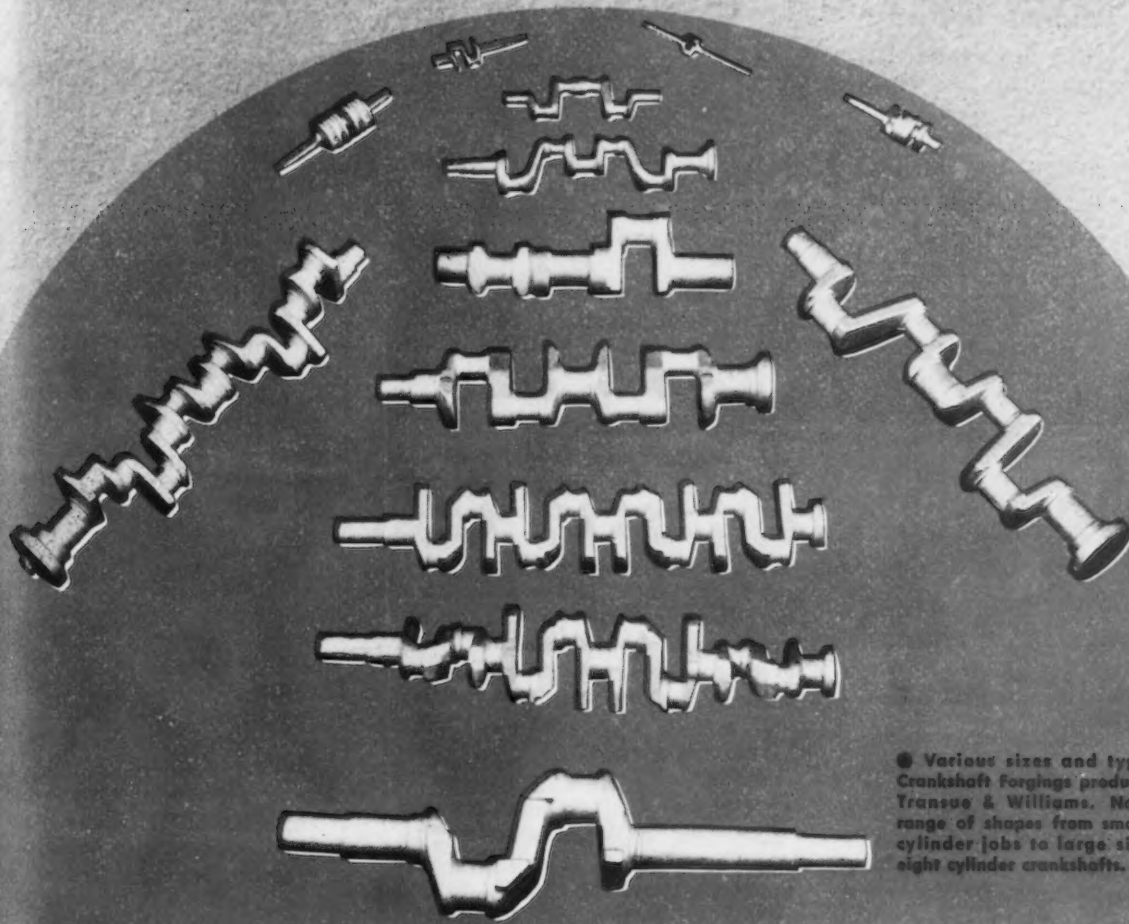
#### Detroit

• • • Chrysler Corp. earned 4.29 pct on its gross sales of \$28,467,093 during the first six months of 1948, according to K. T. Keller, president of the company.

During the corresponding period of 1947 Chrysler earned \$35,112,844.

Unit sales of cars and trucks during the first half of 1948 totaled 439,159 vehicles compared with 460,252 a year ago.

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# Washington . . .

EUGENE J. HARDY

• Defense program revives aircraft industry . . . Little increase in production seen this year . . . Reopening plants, recruiting labor, securing materials tend to delay extra output.



WASHINGTON — Authority granted by Congress looking to the establishment of a 70-group Air Force has given a badly needed shot in the arm to the aircraft industry. As it stands, the defense program assures the industry a cushion of military orders which eventually will call for 110 million lb of airframes annually.

Already the makers of planes, components and parts have \$2 billion worth of orders in their pockets, representing some 46 million lb of aircraft. They are lifting covers from stored machinery and equipment, reopening recently idle departments, and reactivating government standby plants.

However, rejuvenation of the battered industry will be a longer, tougher process than appears on the surface. It will be many months before the dividend checks begin to roll in for those who recently hustled to buy aircraft manufacturing stocks when the program was announced.

Even the most optimistic government sources believe it will be sometime next year before there is any substantial increase in the cur-

rent rate of aircraft production. Several months will be needed for the industry to get its second wind.

This will consist of completing unfinished development work and getting together the necessary manpower and materials. While the overall manpower requirements are relatively small, the type of labor demanded is also in heavy demand by other industries.

In addition to a need for skilled mechanics, the engineering and technical departments particularly need new blood. With the decline in postwar production, this personnel drifted away and was absorbed by other industries. While the aggregate manpower needs for the expanding program is not a relatively high figure, aircraft builders will have to bid against other manufacturing groups.

THE fact that the industry was of top importance to waging the war caused it to be one of the hardest hit and the quickest to feel effects of government purchasing cutbacks at the end. It was producing at an annual rate of 1 billion lb of airframes at the peak of the war effort in 1944; it was employing more than a million workers at the time to do the job.

By the end of 1947, aircraft output had taken a nosedive to about 20 million lb and aircraft payrolls had been reduced to about 161,000 workers by the beginning of 1948.

Reports by the Bureau of Labor Statistics hold out little hope of recruiting new workers from the ranks of the unemployed. There is but little skilled labor to be found in this pool of less than 2½ million; a substantial portion of the total is what is generally termed normally unemployable.

As for recruiting labor from other industries, reports by the U. S. Employment Service indicate that the prospects are best in some sections of the Southwest and West Coast. Field office surveys show a very tight situation in the aircraft centers of the industrial Midwest, particularly around the Great

Lakes region and the middle Atlantic area.

IT is in these areas that considerable expansion is planned. For instance, the Munitions Board has authorized the Navy and Air Force to activate several standby plants or portions of plants in connection with their joint air program.

Among these are to be found a portion of the Wright wartime plant at Lockland, Ohio, the Walworth plant at Washington Park, Ill., and the former Boeing assembly facilities at Wichita, Kansas.

The North Shop of the Lockland plant is to be taken over under lease by General Electric which will produce jet engines while Emerson Electric will take over the Washington Park facilities for manufacture of fire control systems for the big bombers. It is presently planned for Boeing to convert the Wichita assembly works from its former production of reciprocating engines to manufacture of Navy jet engines.

Reports by field offices of USES indicate that the labor situation is very tight in both the Chicago area and most of Ohio. The outlook for Wichita is a little brighter with the USES reporting a small but spotty labor surplus in that area. Thus, the major source for recruiting labor for these and other expanding aircraft works in these areas would apparently lie within other industries.

On the other hand, the USES indicates, in some parts of the West Coast, particularly in the San Diego and Los Angeles, areas, there is a substantial surplus of labor and recruiting there should not be difficult.

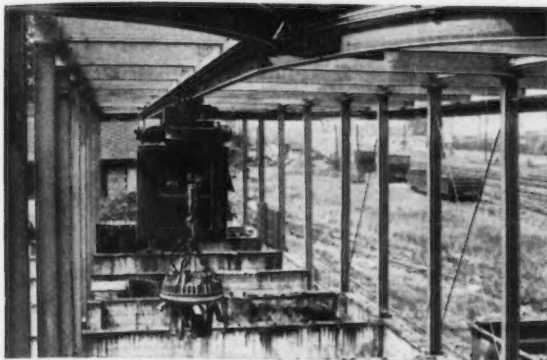
AS in the case of labor needs, supplies of basic materials are tight. Like manpower requirements, the aggregate needs are not large as totals go. But any increase in demand serves to emphasize current shortages, especially in aluminum and steel.

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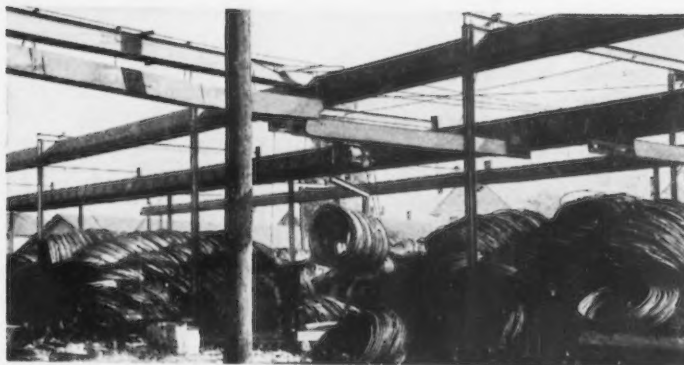


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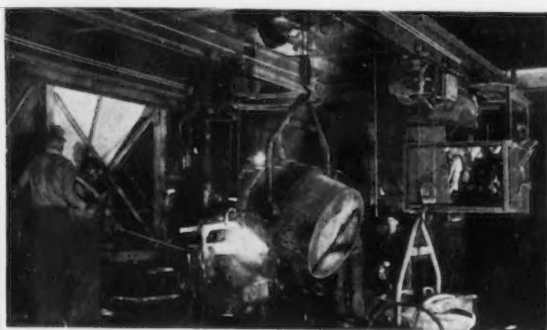
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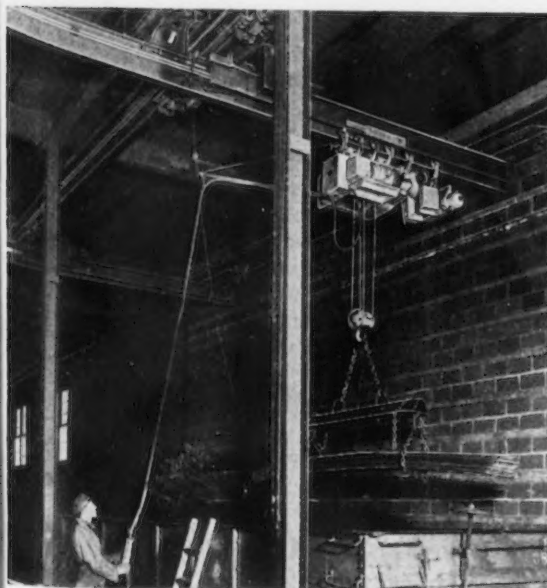
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tion has been declining in recent months. Increased needs for aluminum will make new demands upon local electric power facilities which, in most cases, are now overloaded by rising postwar demands.

There is no question, however, as to the filling of defense orders once the aircraft industry gets set to meet the new requirements. Industry has so far been able to work out reasonably satisfactory allocations of metal for essential needs. In any event, other industries must pay the penalty for defense so long as shortages last.

## WAA Sells 2 Plants

Washington

• • • Sale of 2 government surplus war plants has been negotiated by War Assets Administration which is turning over to the Bendix Aviation Corp. two aircraft parts plants located at South Bend, Ind.

Erected by the government at a cost of about \$1.6 million, they were acquired for slightly more than \$1 million cash. They were operated by Bendix during the war.

## Committee Feels Italy And Britain Need Bulk of Bizone German Scrap

Philadelphia

• • • The intergovernmental scrap study committee of the United Nations Economic Committee for Europe has returned from its initial visit to Europe convinced that Bizone German scrap is needed for the steel industries of Great Britain and Italy, but that there may be an exportable surplus from one or two of the other five claimant nations, according to Hiram Winternitz, Jr., representative of the U. S. government on the committee.

The committee is studying the scrap needs and resources of Great Britain, France, Italy, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland and Holland to determine how much Bizonal scrap would be necessary to foster steel production by those countries, while husbanding the balance for the needs of the United States industry.

During its recent trip, the committee visited England, France and Switzerland. Further meetings of the group are expected to be held abroad in September and October when studies will be made of the

scrap needs of the other claimant nations.

Recommendations for allocations of Bizonal scrap will be made by the committee to the American Military Government. Consideration will be given to the proposed rate of steel production in each country as affected by coke allocations from German coal now under consideration by the steel committee of ECE. How these coke allocations will affect scrap requirements is yet to be determined.

Control is exercised over Bizone scrap, privately owned, by the Joint Export Import Authority of the Bizone Military Authority which has established the price of prepared scrap at \$26 a gross ton, f.a.s. German ports.

## New England States Plan Scrap Drive For Sept. 7

Boston

• • • Plans for a united New England scrap drive beginning Sept. 7 were announced after a meeting of five New England governors and Lt. Gov. Arthur W. Coolidge at Stowe, Va., recently.

The governor's conference took the action when they were informed of the pig iron shortage in New England because of the closing of the blast furnace at Mystic Iron Work, Everett, Mass., the major supplier of pig iron to New England foundries.

Richard C. Cooke, Boston, an industrial magazine publisher, was named to head the drive.

The conference announced that "New England factories employing 350,000 skilled workmen are threatened with unemployment in late 1948 because of the continuing pig iron and steel shortage.

R. B. Wallace, New England representative of Bethlehem Steel Co., told the conference "because of the emergency conditions, we have arranged to step up our shipments to New England."

## Named On Advisory Board

Boston

• • • Patrick F. McDonald of the McDonald Steel Co., South Boston, has been appointed by Gov. Robert F. Bradford of Mass. to the advisory board for the division of small business in the Mass. Industrial and Development Commission.

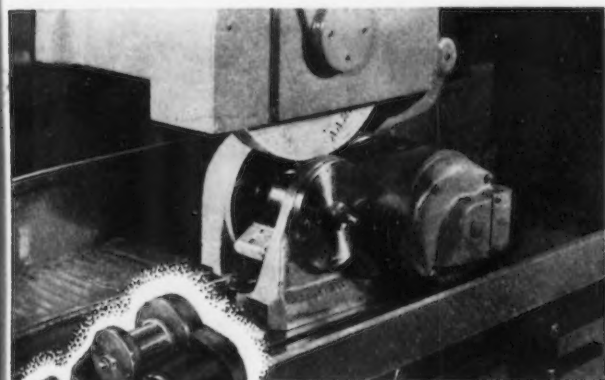
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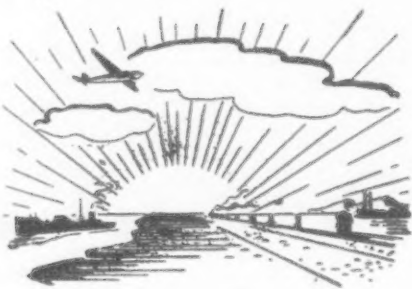


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• To take it or leave it is question faced by users of Kaiser steel as they ponder price increases . . . Puget Sound area industry reacts to clamor of rattling swords.



**L**OS ANGELES—Any hope which steel users in this area may have had that Kaiser Co., Inc., would not make good on its threat to increase prices on the average of \$30 per ton Aug. 15 because the steel committee of the Western States Council had appealed to the RFC for a moratorium was short lived.

When customers received the new prices Aug. 16 they found increases ranged from \$15 to \$32 per ton and that they were being asked to pay the highest mill prices in the United States for those products produced at the Kaiser plant at Fontana, Calif.

In the trade here it was generally conceded that the appeal made by the steel committee and the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce was little more than a gesture because as long as the Kaiser organization fulfills its obligations as a debtor to the RFC the latter organization would have little if anything to say about the management or its policies.

Unquestionably many steel fabricators face the alternate of paying higher prices and hoping that they can pass a major part of the increase along to their customers; going out of business; or finding new sources of supply. While quotations from steel buyers are al-

most impossible to get, most of them indicate that they will explore all three of these possibilities. Despite the protestations of these buyers against the high prices they find themselves trapped, and with heavy investments and large market opportunities realists believe very few if any of them will close up shop.

Undoubtedly the first effort will be made to secure sources of supply other than the Kaiser Co., but in the event of failure in this direction, selling prices will undoubtedly be adjusted in an effort to recapture as much of the added raw material cost as possible. With Kaiser selling plates f.o.b. Fontana at \$116 per ton, users of this material can afford to go far afield, pay the freight and still get delivery at comparable prices. However, it is admitted that this is easier said than done in a seller's market.

Geneva Steel Co., the second closest source of plates and structurals, is booked solid well into the foreseeable future and has been able to offer no encouragement to the sources of potential customers who have kept the telephones and wires busy since the new prices of Kaiser were announced.

**I**NDICATIVE of just how tight the sheet steel market is locally is a recent price list issued by a jobber in which, for example, 20 tons of 16-gage hot-rolled sheet 36 x 72-in. are being offered at \$330 per ton; 13 tons of 22-gage hot-rolled sheets 36 x 120-in. at the same figure; and 75 tons of 26-gage galvanized corrugated sheets, 27½ x 93-in. at \$300 per ton. It is interesting to note that some offerings are down to units of one and two sheets. The price list includes the interesting note, "the prices are not cheap, but the steel is here."

Despite the gloomy steel situation locally, business leaders continue to be optimistic over the immediate future for the war-boomed industry in southern California.

Allen Walgren, head of the small business division of the U. S. Dept. of Commerce for the southern California area, told THE IRON AGE that the small industries which

have proven flexible enough to remain in business up to this time will stay and reap increased fruits during the next few years.

"The stimulant of the European Recovery Program and the probable contracts from aircraft manufacturers, expected to reach small industry in increased numbers this fall, have brightened the picture. Contrary to many wartime estimates 3 years ago, most of the war-born industries are here to stay," Mr. Walgren said.

He indicated as other stimulants the steady flow to the area of large industries needing subcontractors, a 40 pct increase in population and a developing export market. He saw trends toward more shipping of durable goods to the South Pacific, with a specially active market to develop in the Netherlands Indies.

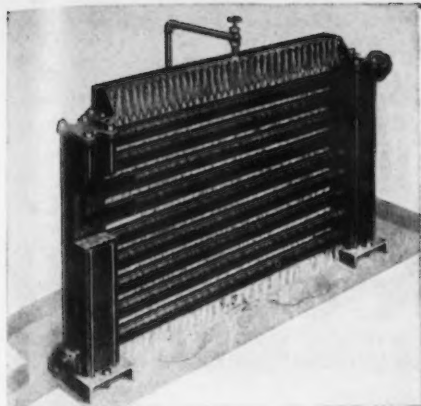
Supporting the contention of Mr. Walgren was an announcement by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce that \$5,308,000 worth of new production facilities was added to the county's manufacturing strength in July, sending the 7-month total for this year to \$49,074,500.

Fourteen new plants representing total investments of \$1,470,000 were announced last month. Thirty-two others are being expanded, requiring an outlay of \$3,838,000. The total surpasses July 1947, by 28 pct and creates 1240 new jobs, Frank N. Bush of the chamber industrial development committee estimates.

Surveys by the U. S. Census Bureau show that the residents of the Los Angeles metropolitan area engaged in manufacturing now surpass the 420,000 mark, more than twice the number shown in the 1940 census.

**C**ALIFORNIA labor statistics bulletins indicate that there have been few casualties in the industries of nonferrous metals, iron and steel, machinery manufacturing and auto equipment during the past year.

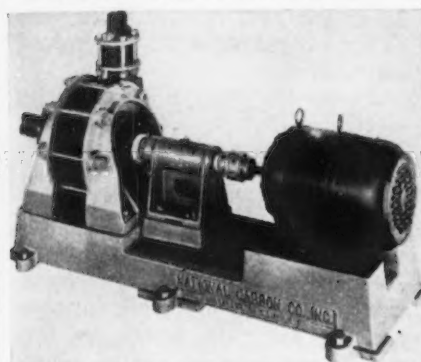
The iron and steel industry in general shows a 5 pct increase over a year ago with slight drops re-



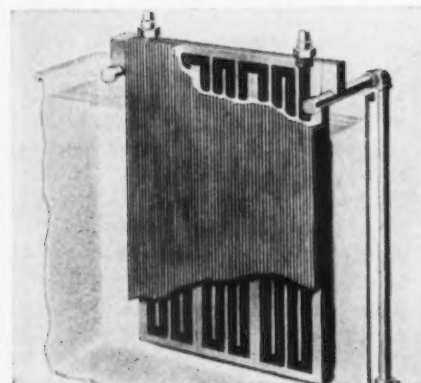
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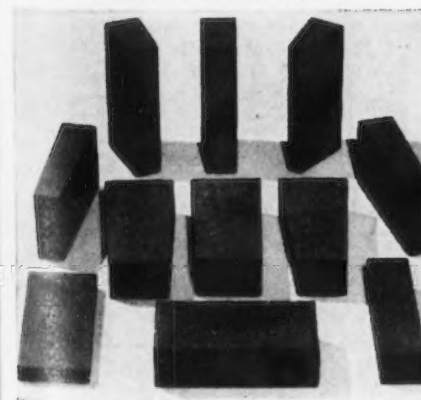
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corded in heating and plumbing supply factories and in structural steel work but with 15 pct gains shown by iron and steel foundries. All are well over the 1940 mark. In the class of nonferrous metals and their products, there also was a 5 pct gain, 55 pct over the 1940 mark.

Facilities of the Stanford Research Institute, a nonprofit agency devoted to solving research problems of industry were extended to Los Angeles this month as an important step in strengthening southern California industry.

The institute was organized in November 1946, with headquarters in Palo Alto, Calif., under the direction of Dr. J. E. Hobson to provide applied research service for Pacific Coast industry. In the new Los Angeles division, the aim announced will be to "speed and improve local manufacturing."

Dr. A. M. Zarem, 31-year-old former chief of the electrical section in physical research at the U. S. Navy's Pasadena Ordnance Test Station, will be the head of a staff of 15 at the Stanford Research Institute's Los Angeles office. The scientist is the inventor of the famed Zarem camera, which has made possible much of the "micro-time technique" in testing Naval ordnance.

The work done by the SRI differs from that at colleges like Caltech nearby in that it specializes almost solely on research services director toward business and productive effort rather than more "pure science."

Typical Los Angeles industrial projects, Dr. Zarem reported include cause, sources and possible controls of smog; economic aspects of aircraft industry expensibility in an emergency; and evaluation of detergents. Other interests include radar and television design and development, soil conditions, high speed photography, petroleum chemistry and technical developments in industry.

To place the institute on a profitable basis a million dollars in contracts is needed annually. Originally, this mark was expected to be reached in 1950, but early indications from Los Angeles industry are that the goal will be reached next year, Dr. Zarem said.

**SEATTLE** — Rattling swords in loosened sheaths throughout the world have once more awakened

the dozing Pudget Sound Naval shipyard at Bremerton where at least 1500 additional workers are expected to bring the total work force to well over the 10,000 mark.

Conversion work on an Essex class carrier and on two landing ship docks is getting under way. These docks are to be used in the Arctic as a part of the program for stiffening the northern defenses of this country. While operations have been on a one-shift basis it is entirely likely that a second shift will be put on soon to complete the conversion work on the carrier as quickly as possible. A scarcity of trained men has tended to hold down the hiring rate although the strike of the aeronautical union at the Boeing Airplane Co. provided an unexpected labor pool.

While businessmen of the Pudget Sound area are more than happy to see Seattle again building up as a defense center, with more work flowing into Boeing and the Navy yard, the war conscious citizens are wondering what will happen if war should come. The state of Washington is building up into a prime target for an enemy.

Within the state borders are the Coulee Dam, the country's only B-50 production line, the Navy atomic factory at Hanford, Grand yard and a port that is the main entrance to Alaska.

With industrial activity on a rising tempo, considerable concern is shown over a possible power famine in the land of plenty. Leading power authorities at the annual meeting of Northwest Public Power Assn., held recently at Port Angeles, Wash., warned that there was a strong possibility of a shortage of electric power in the near future.

An actual power shortage may well be facing the Northwest this winter and the situation may grow more serious in 1949 and the early '50's. The worst point is expected in December of 1951, according to the report of the Pacific Northwest utilities conference. It will probably be necessary to ask all users of electricity to cooperate in conservation measures according to members of the conference.

How does this situation exist in the Northwest with Grand Coulee Dam to supply its power and where there has been talk of routing electricity to California which is already hard hit for power?

**G**US NORWOOD of Vancouver, executive secretary of the association, tried to answer those questions. He stated that at present only half of the scheduled 18 generators are in operation at Coulee. "It is true," he stated, "that new generators are on the way at Coulee (there will be three in each year 1949, 1950 and 1951, to make a total of 18). But the use of these additional generators exclusive of numbers 10, 11 and 12, depends on the proper control of the Columbia River water flow. Coulee Dam alone cannot do the job of running all 18.

"Montana's Hungry Horse dam, due in December 1952 will level off the Columbia flow sufficiently for the operation of 15 Coulee generators. But that is still three short of the Coulee capacity. Other dams are needed.

As for the possibility of routing electric power to California, Mr. Norwood stated that the Northwest has an acute daytime shortage when industry's demand is heavy. However, a power load is going to waste at night in the off-peak hours and over the weekends. Apparently the only hope of diverting any power to California would be that which is otherwise wasted. Members of the association were unanimous in their opinion that continuous pressure must be exerted on the 81st Congress to secure adequate appropriations for additional dams, generating plants, transmission lines, etc. On hand at the meeting to warn the delegates that the public power program "faces a real and present danger in the coming session of Congress" was representative Henry Jackson, Washington's lone Democratic congressman. He particularly warned that the danger to public power will come in the form of riders in appropriation bills.

Future plans for the development of Northwest power were revealed by Col. Theron Weaver, division army engineer, who indicated that seven million additional kilowatts of power could be developed from the Columbia Basin.

An engineering report to be completed this fall after 5 years of study will outline the best water developments for the basin for the next 20 or more years, according to the colonel. Scores of dams are under consideration for inclusion in this program and more than one thousand dam sites have been investigated.



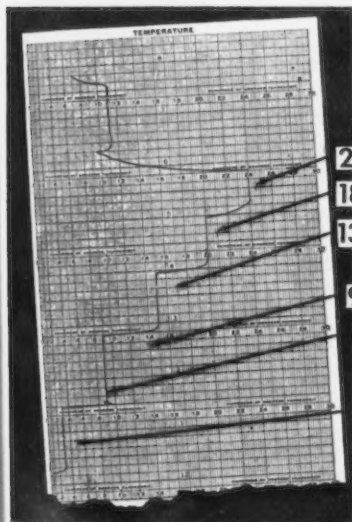
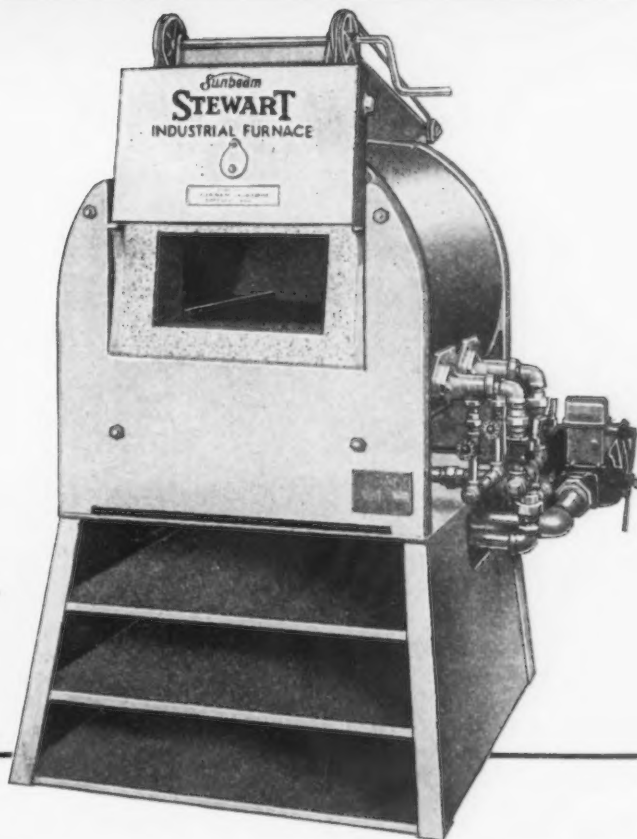
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**PETER TELFAIR**, sales and technical development head, Zirconium Div., F. W. Berk & Co., Inc.

• **Peter Telfair** has joined F. W. Berk & Co., Inc., New York, as sales and technical development head of the company's newly-formed Zirconium Div. Mr. Telfair was formerly associated with the sales department of Bethlehem Steel Co., Inc.

• **G. L. Harman, Jr.** has been appointed manager of the Milwaukee Branch office of Bailey Meter Co., replacing **R. V. Knapp** who resigned to accept a position with Mosinee Paper Mills Co., Inc. Mr. Harman has been associated with Bailey Meter since 1937. For the past few years he has been attached to the Los Angeles branch office.

• **L. J. Firth**, in addition to his duties as president of the Firth Sterling Steel & Carbide Corp., McKeesport, Pa., has been named director of technical development. **W. J. Loach** has been appointed manager of carbide development and quality control; **Charles W. Iams, Jr.** has been made manager of carbide production and fabrication at the McKeesport plant; **E. G. Moffat**, works manager of the corporation's recently completed plant at Milford, Conn., and **A. B. Vestal**, superintendent of plant engineering at McKeesport.

• **Joseph L. Hegener** has been appointed secretary-treasurer of McCulloch Motors Corp., Los Angeles. Mr. Hegener formerly served as comptroller of the company.

• **Arthur C. Wheeler** has been elected president, Seymour Mfg. Co., Seymour, Conn. **Alton G. Wentworth** has been named executive vice-president. **Bernard H. Matthies** and **Earl B. Boise**, vice-presidents; **Harry A. Leigh** secretary and treasurer; **Charles Wohlfarth**, assistant treasurer; **Robert W. Brown**, assistant secretary.

• **Ora E. Clark** has been appointed general superintendent of the Hamilton plant of Armco Steel Corp., Middletown, Ohio, succeeding **J. S. Ferguson**, who has been named technical director of the newly-formed Argentine division of the Armco International Corp. **John Poast** has been made blast furnace superintendent succeeding Mr. Clark.

• **Fred L. White** has been made development and consulting engineer and **John E. Callouette**, chief engineer of the Osgood Co., Marion, Ohio. Mr. White joined the Osgood Co. in 1917 as engineer and draftsman and was appointed chief engineer in 1937. Mr. Callouette, who succeeds Mr. White, has been associated with Clark Bros. Corp. and Industrial Rayon Corp.

• **James E. Allen**, for many years executive vice-president of the Aro Equipment Corp., Bryan, Ohio, has resigned to start his own business on the West Coast, representing several lines of industrial products for manufacturers in various parts of the country.

• **Robert H. Groman** has been appointed to the board of regional sales supervisors, Eutectic Welding Alloys Corp., New York, covering the west central area of the United States. Mr. Groman has been assistant to the general sales manager.

• **W. L. Manly** has been appointed manager of dealer sales of the Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., Milwaukee, succeeding **W. A. Meyer** who has been named assistant manager of the Texrope Drive department. Mr. Manly joined the company in 1937, serving in the water conditioning department where he has been manager since 1942. **T. J. Hodan** has been appointed to succeed Mr. Manly.



**J. C. BIGHAM**, district manager of sales, Latrobe Electric Steel Co.

• **J. C. Bigham** has been appointed district manager of sales in Philadelphia and **R. C. Kohl** district manager of sales in Buffalo, Latrobe Electric Steel Co. Mr. Bigham has been a sales representative in the company's Detroit office and Mr. Kohl has served in the same capacity in the Buffalo area with headquarters in Cleveland. **T. J. Bridgeman** has been transferred from the company's Chicago district to the Detroit district and **L. C. Hansen** from the cast alloy division to tool steel sales in the Chicago area.

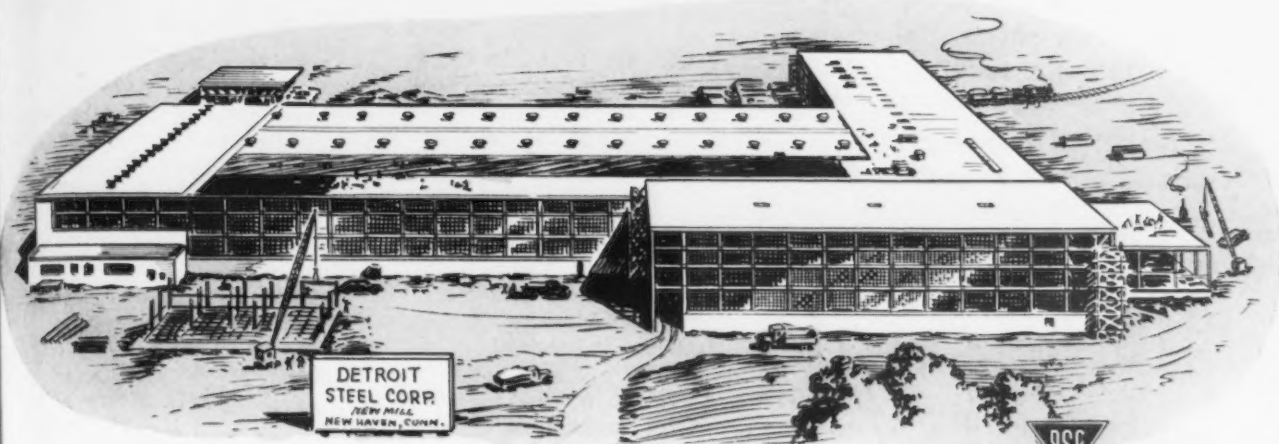
• **Eugene K. Graham** has been named assistant to the general superintendent of the Fairfield steel works of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Co., Birmingham. **James C. Gray** has been promoted to assistant manager of raw materials and **Ellwood B. Nelson** has been advanced to general superintendent of the coal mines division.

• **J. A. Greenland** has been named district manager of the Seattle office of De Laval Steam Turbine Co., Trenton, N. J. Mr. Greenland joined the company in 1938 and has been associated with the Seattle office since 1940.

• **Ercell R. Stevens** has been appointed abrasive grain engineer in the Chicago district for the Norton Co., Worcester.

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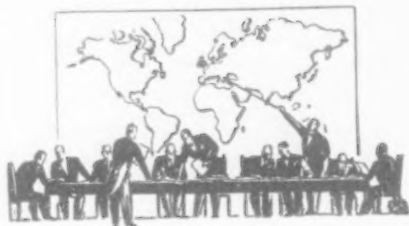
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# European Letter .

• UN outstanding in relatively few strong forces for world peace and order . . . Over wide range of social and economic activities solid progress shown by report of Secretary-General . . .



LONDON—The publication of the Secretary-General's latest report on the work of the United Nations comes at the end of three years of troubled and frustrating existence. It is useless to pretend that the organization is doing the work its sponsors mapped out for it. In fact, UN is not assuming the functions of an embryo world government. The conditions for these things are, as Mr. Trygve Lie freely admits, simply non-existent. The division between East and West has grown steadily worse. Far from there being a peace treaty for Germany, the conflict over Berlin has carried the Great Powers to a new pitch of hostility. Far from there being a Far Eastern settlement, war continues in China and Indo-China, and there is a fierce undercurrent of violence in Burma, Malaya and Indonesia. As for the more distant prospect of peace, all expectations of disarmament have faded into an invisible distance. The Commission on Atomic Energy has decided to suspend its sessions in fact of constant failure to agree with the Russians on any point. The hope of a United Nations is contradicted at every turn by the fact of a disunited world.

No one will deny the unfavorable background. But how many people

will agree with the Secretary-General when he claims that the time has come to stop blaming the United Nations' inadequacies on the situation in the world at large, and that instead the United Nations must be upheld and applauded as the chief agency making for order and peace? If the general public were asked to give a composite picture of their idea of the United Nations, they would describe a welter of reports and surveys, a mad round of conferences and commissions, the whole crowned by Mr. Gromyko saying "No" in the Security Council.

BUT, over a wide range of economic and social activities the United Nations has made solid progress. The work of the Economic and Social Council and its subordinate agencies is worth an article to itself. Here it is sufficient to refer to its essential task in collecting and publishing world statistics, the start it has made in bringing out valuable studies of world economy—the report on economic conditions in Europe published by its Economic Commission in Europe was a model of its kind.

Since the danger of war is the

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nightmare hanging over the unhappy world, it is by its success or failure in preventing conflict that the usefulness of the United Nations must ultimately be judged. If it is one of the elements in the world lessening hostility and postponing irrevocable resorts to force, then its rising budget and the \$34 million spent on it in 1948 must be counted cheap indeed. And on this a good case can be presented. The forces making for peace in the world are neither very numerous nor very obvious, but the United Nations is certainly at their head. It is the only place where the Great Powers meet regularly and where, nominally, at least, they meet in pursuance of common aims. On occasions, this meeting can

quite unexpectedly break the hardening pattern of East-West division, as for instance when the United States and the Soviet Union found themselves together against Britain and China on the issue of where, nominally, at least, they Palestine. It is doubtful whether Russia would have withdrawn from Azerbaijan in 1946 if the fact of its presence there had not been sent to the ends of the earth by the sounding board of the United Nations. Similarly, the presence of United Nations Commissions in Northern Greece and Southern Korea has helped to prevent a local conflict developing into a major struggle.

It is clear that the Egyptians, when they arraigned Britain before the Council for a breach of the peace in maintaining garrisons in Egypt, were caught unawares by the extent of the other Powers' interest in the Sudan's progress towards independence. Similarly, the government of India may have been outraged by the amount of consideration shown to Pakistan's defense in the debates on Kashmir; but it is certainly possible that the attitude of the Security Council may ultimately have a tempering effect on the more ardent spirits in Delhi.

THE chief justification of the Security Council lies in the fact that it has succeeded on three occasions in putting a stop to fighting which had already broken out. It is beginning to evolve techniques of mediation and disputes to a peaceful conclusion. But the cases of Indonesia, Kashmir and Palestine are, each in its way, sufficient to inflame a whole area and, if unchecked, to lead to more widespread hostilities. The mere fact of achieving a cease-fire has probably already saved the world in absolute terms more than the \$30 odd millions it has spent on the United Nations.

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# Industrial News Summary...

- **Steel Industry Due For Needling**
- **Capacity Question To Come Up**
- **Ingot Output Up 1/2 Point to 95 Pct**

**T**HE steel industry is soon to be dipped into a big political cauldron. Because it is big, basic and short of steel the industry will get the needle again—this time longer and sharper.

Some administration people are rubbing their hands getting ready to blast at steel on the question of capacity. It will be a repeat performance. No amount of proof or facts from the industry seems to stem the tirades from Washington on the adequacy of steel capacity.

Unless steel firms can do the impossible in getting their story across that (1) they are increasing capacity, (2) they are trying to fairly dish out an all-time record output of steel and (3) current conditions will not last forever, they are in for a shellacking.

These regular capacity bouts are a huge waste of time. They are plain silly. This week the industry is operating at 95 pct of capacity. It has not been able to get above this rate for months. Previous highs have been 97 pct. Even at that rate output this year will match the all-time record made in 1944 when close to 90 million tons of steel were turned out.

The simple unvarnished reason why steel output and the operating rate is not larger is because (1) good coking coal is tight, (2) ore is harder to get, (3) breakdowns are more numerous, (4) pig iron supplies are short and (5) there is no real assurance that there will be enough scrap this winter to support present operating levels of 95 pct. If the industry can not operate at the top of what capacity it has it is idle at this time to talk of a 5 to 10 million ton increase in capacity.

**S**TEEL officials expect but do not relish these periodic rashes about capacity. They brought some on themselves by resorting to debate on need for capacity instead of showing that practically they were increasing their capacity. But as long as steel users run to their congressmen (as they do every day by visit, phone and letter) with tales of shortages and hard luck stories and as long as the election is nearby the heat will be on.

But what privately burns some steel men up is the current spectacle of Republican Senator Martin's Small Business Committee action of forming a steel inquisition. In so-called peacetimes, investigators of this committee last week were in the midst of a wild goose chase or fishing expedition—depending on what side the observer is on.

Armed with subpoenas (if necessary) and with permission (how could it be refused) three investigators of the full committee were busy firing questions at Carnegie-Illinois Steel sales officials and getting their eagle eyes on information that normally is considered

to be the company's own business—no steel company likes to tell another one where it sells its steel, how much it sells and to what kind of customers the steel goes.

This junket to Pittsburgh was called a "pretesting" prior to sending out questionnaires to all of the steel industry and to most of its customers. The aim is for the committee to try to find out if: (1) customers near steel mills get more steel than those far away, (2) steel company owned fabricating plants get more steel than independent companies in the same business and (3) if customers are using the steel they get "properly." Just how the "pretesting" at Pittsburgh will help on the questionnaire to be sent is not clear. The official reason given is that Carnegie-Illinois and Bethlehem Steel are good sampling material—their competitors would say so, too.

**A** CONGRESSIONAL survey a la questionnaire will find out no more than: (1) many customers away from steel points have been paying the freight for some time because some mills have withdrawn due to high costs, (2) distribution is being made by historical purchases except where voluntary allocations prevail, (3) everyone wants steel, (4) everyone says they are not getting enough steel, (5) the effect of f.o.b. mill selling will not be clear-cut as long as demand is so far ahead of supply and (6) steel users are quite experienced in yelling loud because he who yells the loudest gets the most attention. The only difference in such a questionnaire by government is that all along the line men not versed in steelmaking and distribution call the plays.

Steel output this week is unchanged from last week's revised rate of 95 pct of capacity. It is doubtful if the rate will go much higher in the near future. It is now certain that this year's output will be another peacetime record.

There was no indication that scrap prices were getting ready to decline. Offerings were meagre in some areas. Attempts were being made to batter down quotations with no success in sight. Present prices seem to be firmly entrenched.

It is too early to be dogmatic about it but the increase in voluntary allocation is serious. The present situation has all the earmarks of early days of the war when priorities were worthless. If steel companies do not go all out to fill the voluntary pledges they can expect government controls no matter who is elected President of the United States.

More serious is the slow but positive way voluntary or any other priority rating system has of jamming up normal steel distribution. The greater number of groups who get preferred treatment the quicker the whole allocating setup mushrooms and explodes.



• **MORE NEEDLES:** The steel industry is getting the needles again. This time its from Government administrators who think our steel capacity is below what it should be. That might be. But it did a pretty good job during the last war—in supplying us and our allies with the necessary steel to win. In war something has to give. Some might want auto-electrical appliance or other luxury production to keep pace with shells and guns—but that's improbable. The more capacity we have, the more shells and guns we'll make. Besides considerable expansion is underway and being planned right now despite the high construction costs that prevail.

• **PRIVATE WORRYING**—Some steel and industrial heads are worrying about the possibility of loss in output this winter if the weather breaks records like it did in recent years. Hundreds of thousands of tons of steel were lost last winter because of gas shortages, slow coal deliveries and other weather casualties. The condition even extended to scrap, the movement of which was slowed down. If all goes normal this winter new production records will be made, if not—look for some slackening in output.

• **VERY CONTROVERSIAL:** Sentiments are very strong about Kaiser's getting the Government blast furnace and coke ovens at Cleveland. Republic has operated the plant since 1943—but will have to relinquish it on Sept. 1 if the WAA deal with Kaiser sticks. Tucker is a little miffed, too. He, along with Republic, bid for the plant, but neither bid high enough. Plenty of foundries in the Cleveland area are pretty worried about where they are going to get their pig iron if Republic does have to give up operation of the plant.

• **IS IT A THREAT:** Reports persist that if steel companies do not increase steel capacity (which they are doing) to suit government agencies the administration will attempt to build mills with taxpayers money and lease plants to steel firms. This was done in war several years ago—but then war was a fact. Steel officials could hardly foil any attempt to build mills if the government ordered it. And the public is too apathetic over the question to object until too late. Some steel companies would welcome the chance to lease a new steel plant—at another location from their own in order to wipe out bad effects of the f.o.b. mill system.

• **HELP WANTED:** It might not be that bad. But the Quincy, Mass. yards of the Bethlehem Steel Co. have received contracts for 5 more large tankers to cost about \$30 million. At present 6000 men are employed. When peak production is reached—more than 10,000 men will be employed there.

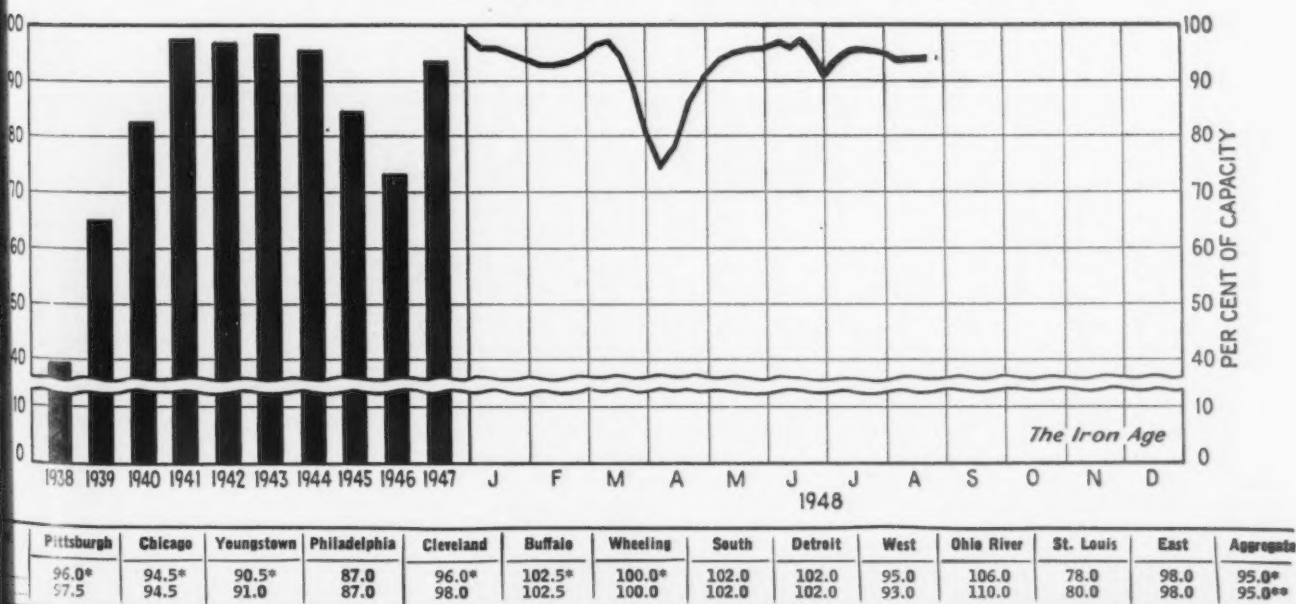
• **ORE LORE:** There's lots of Titanium ore up in Quebec. And this ore is rich in iron, too. So we have non-ferrous interests developing mines and refineries to get Titanium. They will also end up with plenty of iron ore—a commodity that the steel industry is in need of. The Quebec Iron & Titanium Corp., a subsidiary of the Kennecott Copper Corp. and the New Jersey Zinc Co. are going to spend \$25 million right off the bat. Eventually some \$150 million is expected to be expended in developing the ore body.

• **CONFUSION:** There's plenty of confusion everywhere in industries today. And its all a result of a bust up of a distribution system in a day when American industry should the decentralizing instead of getting encouragement to locate in a few spots—where steel and other products are being made. Those still selling basing points are reputed to be selling illegally. Those who have changed have felt the full impact of freight rates—and it hurts. Some are having trouble getting steel at all. There's one thing for sure—all the headaches are distributed evenly to all affected by f.o.b. selling.

• **WENT RIGHT ON:** Kaiser's \$30 price increase went right on as announced despite any sentiment pro or con. How the price increase will affect Kaiser in the future remains to be seen. Right now the West Coast needs steel—and consumers will pay for it, like it or not. Later will take care of later.

• **DECISION REVERSED:** British and U. S. Military Governments in Germany have ordered dissolved the Bipartite Control Office as exclusive agent for export sales of steel scrap. The private association of scrap dealers were well under way getting control of all contracts relating to scrap exports—apparently with the consent of both military governments. Just as they were getting started, the pegs were knocked out from under them with the more recent order.

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## Consumers Critical of Steels' Dropping Basing Point Selling

Chicago

• • • Reactions by consumers to the steel industry's f.o.b. mill method of selling runs the gamut from "We wuz robbed," to "It makes no difference." Some steel consumers accuse the industry of selling out. They hold that this action was not at all mandatory as the "cease and desist" order had not yet been issued, and even if it is issued as it now stands, the steel industry actually was not forced to make the broad, far reaching decision it chose to make.

A good example of the effect on other industries caused by the steel industry's own decision can be evaluated from what is taking place in the forging trade. First, forgers in this area claim they are in no position to absorb any more costs such as freight. Their average net profit has been running 3 pct to 6 pct and those who make 6 pct are in the minority. Second, steel's surrender of the cause of the basing point system makes it appear that the selling system of certain types of forgings is now illegal. Third, the monopoly fences have been thrust on the forgers whether they like it or not, and this is frustration without representation in every sense of the word, forgers declare.

Historically, drop forgings have usually been sold f.o.b. plant by the forging industry. This business, on a competitive bid basis, could only be handled this way as the margin between successful bidders and unsuccessful bidders amounted to 1¢ or a fraction thereof per piece on light parts 3 lb and under.

This is particularly true in Detroit where auto makers play the field—insistent on squeezing every last penny of fraction thereof from the forgers. Today with the steel shortage a margin of 5 pct is the rule. If competitive prices on forgings are within plus or minus 5 pct of each other, Detroit buyers at the moment are considering such bids as competitive with each other.

On flat die forgings or heavy press forgings the industry has always quoted delivered prices, which is more or less a basing point system. In this field the buyers are

### Forging Trade In Particular Is Peeved Over Hardships Resulting from Move

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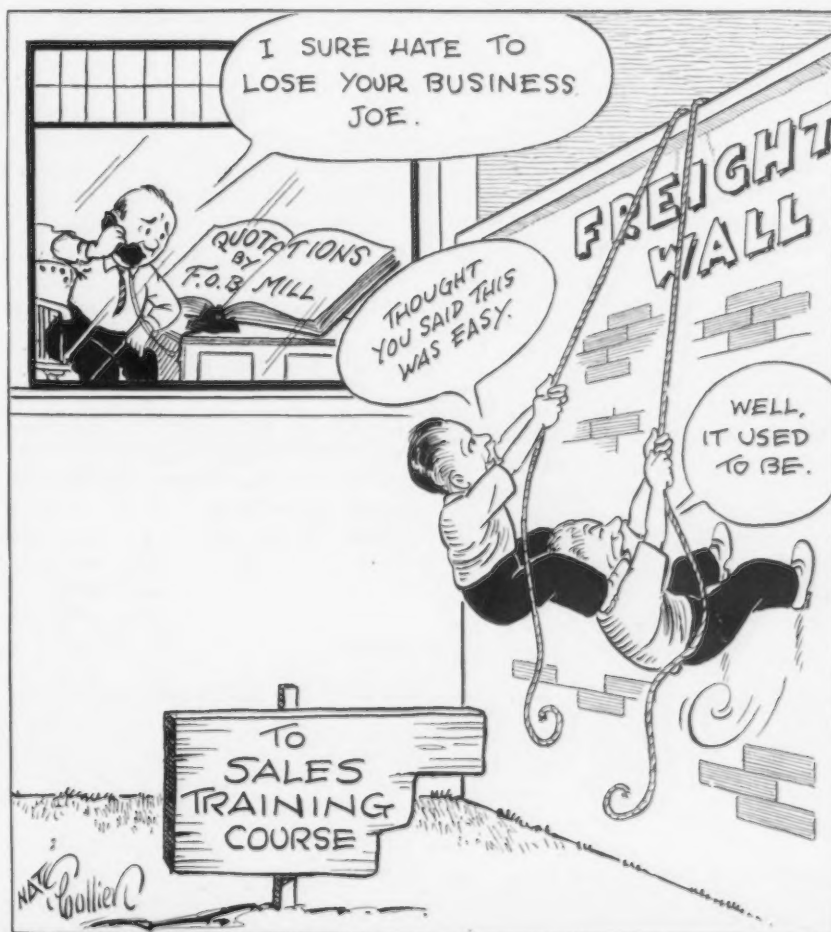
somewhat more charitable in their dealings. Profit margins on these items are termed decent by the forging trade.

Because of these facts very few forge shops have been able to just make drop forgings. They had to also participate in heavy forgings

in order to survive. There are exceptions, where the drop forgings are the single type of product, but these shops have survived mostly because of special conditions, types of products, extremely favorable locations, etc.

Because of the manner in which forge shops must buy steel the monopoly fences are up. In Chicago a drop forger participating in local business has an advantage that cannot possibly be met by outsiders, except should the outsiders have much superior methods of manufacture and therefore lower cost than the local forge shop. The local forger most often gets his steel from local mills by truck, or at the most on a three line switch. The finished part can often be delivered again by truck or a one, two or

### "Now It Starts"





three line switch. This difference in freight costs amounts to much more than the marginal difference of 1¢, or fraction thereof, formerly the practice in the competitive drop forging business.

There are cases where forgers here are making heavy forgings, the ingots for which must be purchased in Pittsburgh. In these cases local forgers do not enjoy any substantial advantage over outside shops.

If forgers have to quote f.o.b. plant prices on heavy forgings the jig is up. Each shop will find the boundary uncomfortably confining. Maybe their best customer, cultivated over the years, is outside the freight rate fence. If so this particular business relationship will cease to exist. Specialty forgings, such as piston rods, rings, shafts, etc., are sold on a flat delivered price anywhere east of the Mississippi River. This price is the same from any forge shop. Competition in forged rolls is keen and they are sold at the identical delivered price by all three makers.

Detroit buys substantial tonnages of forgings from the Cleveland and Chicago areas. Most of these forgings are drop forgings. Here again some shops are left holding the bag. Forgers in the Milwaukee, Rockford, and Tri-City areas can't compete with shops located in Chicago for the Detroit business. These outlying shops must pay the full freight line charges on steel to their shops. Local shops just pay the switch. The finished parts must then be shipped back through Chicago on to Detroit with full freight line charges all the way.

It is inconceivable that the cost conscious Detroit buyers will hold still for prices wherein these high freight costs must be taken into consideration. They'll shop around as they always have, forgers here declare. They will soon find it useless to try to bargain on prices from shops where freight rates are high. In fact, this has been going on constantly with the ascending

spiral in freight charges over the past few years.

It is expected that some forgers in Cleveland and Chicago will be able to continue doing business in Detroit. In fact, they may in some cases get more business as forgers located in Cincinnati, St. Louis, Milwaukee, etc., are automatically ruled out. Forge shops closer to Detroit will be in clover if they are making auto parts. From the table on rates it is apparent that Cleveland's present rate advantages over Chicago are probably not enough to sway Detroit buyers. In ordinary times, however, this will not be the case.

The only salvation of forgers doing auto business, who are now unable to ship to Detroit on a competitive basis because of freight, are the assembly plants. Forgers located close to assembly plants have always bought in their back yard if possible. Now this practice will likely be increased.

With every freight rate increase the natural sales area for drop forgings shrunk. The only factor which permitted some business outside that very definite area, forgers say, was that their steel was purchased on the basing point system.

This is not true of the profitable end of the business, as heavy forging sales are still on a delivered price basis in which a basing point system permits a wider sales area in which a forger can participate regardless of his location. In many cases this part of the business carried the drop forging portion of a plant's business in the past.

The theme song which has been played in drop forgings, the fortissimo of which was directly tied to freight rates, has reached crescendo proportions. If the forgers now have to sell heavy forgings f.o.b. plant the industry will again be tormented with that theme—"I told you that I love you, now get out"

#### RATES ON ROUGH STEEL FORGINGS

Cents per 100 lb

	Truck	Rail
Chicago to Detroit	l.t.l. 90¢ less than 5000 lb 70¢ 5000 lb min. t.l. 34¢ 20,000 lb min.	l.c.l. 75¢ ..... c.l. 44¢ 40,000 lb min.
Cleveland to Detroit	l.t.l. 79¢ less than 5000 lb 59¢ 5000 lb min. t.l. 28¢ 20,000 lb min.	l.c.l. 62¢ ..... c.l. 34¢ 40,000 lb min.

## Alcoa Research Director Awarded ASM Gold Medal

Cleveland

• • • Francis Cowles Frary, director of research, Aluminum Co. of America, has been elected to receive the Gold Medal of the American Society for Metals for 1948, according to W. H. Eisenman, national secretary of the society.



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## Buys German Scrap

New York

• • • Western Steel Corp. has purchased 250,000 tons of scrap iron and steel from the German National Railways, according to company spokesmen.

This is the largest lot of scrap originating in Germany that has been sold for remelting in the U. S. since the end of the war. It will be produced by dismantling war-damaged locomotives, rolling stock, bridges and rails.

The scrap has in turn been sold by Western Steel, in association with the Great Lakes Carbon Corp., to Bethlehem Steel Co. Shipments are expected to begin to Baltimore shortly.

## Acquires West Coast Plant

Los Angeles

• • • Cutler-Hammer, Inc., has acquired the business of the West Electric Products Co. here, according to W. G. Tapping, Cutler-Hammer district manager, who will be in charge of the new plant.

Rapid industrial expansion in this area and the increasing need for electrical apparatus in this territory influenced Cutler-Hammer in its decision to make the acquisition.

# Steel Distribution Picture Shows Little Change in Detroit But . . .

## Detroit

• • • Sweeping changes in steel distribution practices expected to follow as a result of upsetting the basing point system haven't happened in Detroit—yet.

Steel buyers here are naturally hanging on to their established steel supply lines—and hoping suppliers will not change their customer lists. Steel suppliers, if they are actually contemplating radical revisions of their customer lists, are not showing their hands.

The consensus here is that the predicted changes in steel customer lists will not occur until it is established by legislation or otherwise that the basic point system must go. Even then, it is believed that both steel buyers and sellers will move slowly in adjusting to the new conditions.

As pointed out to THE IRON AGE, the steel buyer is in no position to change his steel sources now and, with the steel buyer in this predicament, the steel seller will also necessarily have to move slowly if he is to avoid sharp criticism by anxious buyers.

An immediate result of the upset in the multiple basing point system has been a flood of inquiries from local steel buyers asking if their steel quotas cannot be raised now that it is no longer necessary to absorb heavy freight charges. In the past, freight absorption has been used as an argument against increasing Detroit quotas.

While the steel distribution picture remains unchanged on the surface, steel buyers are busy here comparing costs of their products from each of the larger mills. In the final analysis these prices will undoubtedly be important factors in determining steel buying practices. Purchasing agents are quick to point out, however, that the first cost of the steel is only one factor that determines steel buying policies. The desirability of having at least three sources for many items, together with long and favorable experience with the products of certain mills are likewise important factors in placing steel orders, they say.

The flat prediction that Great Lakes would have all the price ad-

## Buyers Are Busily Comparing Costs of Products From Different Mills

By WALTER G. PATTON  
Detroit Regional Editor

vantages in Detroit hasn't materialized—yet. For example, a comparison made by a large local steel buyer of delivered prices of hot rolled sheet to Detroit shows that one supplier shipping by truck from Cleveland can lay down hot rolled sheets at the customer's door

Estimated water shipping costs place the delivered price here of hot rolled sheets at 3.45¢ per lb from Buffalo and Chicago compared with the Great Lakes price of 3.50¢ per lb.

A similar situation exists in the case of cold rolled sheets. In this case, a comparison of cost of sheet delivered by rail to the customer's door show an estimated price of 4.25¢ per lb for Great Lakes compared with 4.34¢ per lb for its nearest competitor. Pittsburgh sheets cost the steel user here 4.46¢ per lb if delivery is by rail; estimated rail delivery from Chicago costs 4.44¢ per lb. Approximate cost of cold rolled strip furnished by a Detroit re-roller is 4.55¢ per lb.

Where truck delivery can be made, two Cleveland mills are at present charging less than Great Lakes for cold rolled sheets, according to the comparison shown in Table 2. The estimated delivered price range is from 4.25 to 4.55¢ per lb. The truck price range is from 4.23 to 4.35¢ per lb.

As in the case of hot rolled, cold rolled sheets can be delivered here for the lowest cost available to the steel user. Informed sources estimate that the water route is available about 8 months of the year. It should be kept in mind, however, that the water rates quoted are an approximation—the exact figures cannot be computed. Similarly, the truck rates are subject to change, with some carriers either planning or about to make higher freight charges than those used in the tables.

TABLE 1  
Estimated Costs of Hot Rolled Sheets  
Delivered to a Detroit User  
(Cents per lb)

Mill	Rail	Truck	Water
Great Lakes, Detroit.....	3.50	3.50	.....
Republic, Cleveland, O.....	3.59	3.48	.....
J & L, Cleveland, O.....	3.64	3.53	.....
Youngstown, Young'twn, O.....	3.64	3.54	.....
Bethlehem, Buffalo, N. Y.....	3.65	3.60	3.45
McLouth, Detroit.....	3.65	3.65	.....
Inland, Chicago.....	3.69	3.54	3.45
Carnegie-Ill., Pittsburgh.....	3.71	3.60	.....
Weirton, Weirton, W. Va.....	3.71	3.60	.....
Wheeling Steel, Wheeling, W. Va.....	3.71	3.60	.....
Armco, Ashland.....	3.72	3.61	.....
J & L, Pittsburgh.....	3.76	3.65	.....

in Detroit at 3.48¢ per lb compared with the estimated Great Lakes delivered price of 3.50¢ per lb. Another Cleveland supplier shipping by truck is delivering hot rolled steel here at 3.53¢ per lb.

Where the shipment is by rail, Great Lakes has an estimated advantage at present of .09¢ per lb over its nearest competitor.

These comparisons are based on an estimated delivery charge of .05¢ per lb from Great Lakes to the customer's dock. This is shown in Table 1.

At the present time the spread of delivered Detroit prices of mills as far east as Buffalo and as far west as Chicago for hot rolled sheets is 26¢ per lb. Comparisons of costs to the buyer where shipments are made by truck reduce this spread to 15¢ per lb.

TABLE 2  
Estimated Costs of Cold Rolled Sheets  
Delivered to a Detroit User  
(Cents per lb)

Mill	Rail	Truck	Water
Great Lakes, Detroit.....	4.25	4.25	.....
J & L, Cleveland, O.....	4.34	4.23	.....
Republic, Cleveland, O.....	4.34	4.23	.....
Armco, Ashland.....	4.39	4.28	.....
Youngstown, Young'twn, O.....	4.39	4.29	.....
Bethlehem, Buffalo, N. Y.....	4.40	4.35	4.20†
Inland, Chicago, Ill.....	4.44	4.29	4.20†
J & L, Pittsburgh.....	4.46	4.35	.....
Weirton, Weirton, W. Va.....	4.46	4.35	.....
Carnegie-Ill., Pittsburgh.....	4.46	4.35	.....
Wheeling Steel, Wheeling, W. Va.....	4.46	4.35	.....
Crane-Schrago, Detroit.....	4.55*	.....	.....

\* Cold Rolled strip † Approximate



## Industrial Briefs . . .

• **NEW FIRM**—Vesuvius Crucible Co., Swissvale, Pittsburgh, has announced that they are now represented in the St. Louis district by Interstate Sales Inc., 817-819 Arcade Bldg., Eighth & Olive Sts. Frank G. Weyforth, formerly division sales manager, Laclede-Christy Clay Products Co., and James F. Gilbert, formerly president of the Gilbert Brass Foundry Co., are the organizers of the new firm.

• **BRANCH OFFICE**—The Wheelco Instrument Co. has opened a new office at 138 E. Becher St., Milwaukee. M. A. Embertson will be in charge of the new Wisconsin office.

• **GRANTS LICENSE**—Fairchild Engine & Airplane Corp. has concluded a licensing agreement with Wellworthy Piston Rings, Ltd., of Lymington, Hampshire, England, covering use of Fairchild's Al-Fin process for bonding aluminum to iron, steel and other metals.

• **ACQUISITION**—The Electric Auto-Lite Co., Toledo, has announced the signing of a contract for the purchase from the WAA of the former Wright Aeronautical plant at Lockland, Ohio, which occupies an area of about 200 acres and will acquire title to about 4.5 million sq ft of floor space.

• **ARMCO EXPANDS**—Armco Steel Corp. has contracted to purchase the assets of the Jackson Tube Co., Inc., Piqua, Ohio, manufacturers of mechanical tubing. The Jackson company will be operated as the Tubing Div. of Armco Steel Corp. effective Sept. 1. Samuel E. Jackson, its president and founder, will become the manager of the new Armco division.

• **WESTERN OUTLET**—The American Brass & Copper Sales Co., 1920 Union St., Oakland, Calif., has been named distributor for special aluminum mill products manufactured by the Reynolds Metals Co., Louisville.

• **SALE APPROVED**—WAA has approved sale of the government owned wartime shell forging plant near Fontana, Calif., subject to national security provisions, to Taylor Forge & Pipe Co., Chicago. The property which cost the government \$5.5 million was sold for \$850,000. The purchaser will operate it for production of pipe, fittings and forgings.

• **BUILDING FURNACE**—An 85-ton per hour billet heating furnace which will replace a 40-ton furnace in use since 1929 will be designed and built for the Timken Roller Bearing Co., Canton, Ohio, by Rust Furnace Co., Pittsburgh. Effective length of the new furnace will be 85 ft and the inside width will be 20 ft. Construction will begin late in 1948.

• **FOREIGN PERMIT**—The Glidden Co., Scranton, Pa., has recently licensed the Euston Lead Co., Ltd., of Australia to use the Euston process for the manufacture of white lead. The Australian company has constructed a plant at Melbourne and will be in production by December or January.

• **NEW MANAGEMENT**—Announcement has been made that Arthur J. Seiler, vice-president of the Phosphor Bronze Corp., Philadelphia, and Joseph M. Baxter, secretary and treasurer of the Phosphor Bronze Smelting Co., have acquired all of the stock of the Main Belting Co., Philadelphia. No changes are planned in the operations of the company and it will continue to deal exclusively in all types of conveyer and transmission belting.

• **REPRESENTATIVE**—George E. Quigley, Inc., Detroit, has been appointed by Metals Disintegrating Co., Inc., Elizabeth, N. J., as their representative in the State of Michigan to handle the sale of their complete line of aluminum and bronze powders and pastes.

## Wire Company Sets Up New Division For Their Electrical Wire Sales

Cleveland

• • • A new separate sales division with four regional offices has been set up to handle the electrical wire and cable products of American Steel & Wire Co., according to an announcement by H. M. Francis, vice-president in charge of sales of the wire company.

Establishment of the new division will permit concentration of sales effort on such items as the paper insulated cable, rubber jacketed cable, galvanized telephone wire, and Amerductor, a transmission cable used for rural electrification lines, Mr. Francis said in making the announcement.

T. F. Peterson, who has headed the section of the general sales staff of the company devoted to electrical products, will serve as manager of sales of the new division. His offices will be in the Union Commerce Bldg., here.

Mr. Peterson started with American Steel & Wire Co. as a cable engineer in the New York sales office, and in 1936 became director of the Electrical Cable Works at Worcester. In 1941, he came to Cleveland as director of electrical cable engineering and research. He holds numerous patents in the electrical field.

C. H. Eisenhardt, formerly assistant manager of sales in the section, will serve as assistant manager of sales. Four district sales offices under the new organization will be established in Boston, Cleveland, Chicago and New York.

Appointees to the positions of managers in these various offices are as follows: C. H. Currier, manager New England district, electrical products sales; V. W. Heimberger, Central district; R. A. Coates, Western district; C. M. Vaill, Eastern district.

Mr. Francis also announced appointment of three district electrical sales engineers to serve in the new division. They are: Curtis E. Plass, Western district, Chicago; Walton P. Lewis, Central district with headquarters in Pittsburgh; and Harry E. Purdy, Eastern district, New York.



## Small Business Committee Investigators Invade Steel Company

### Pittsburgh

• • • Armed with subpoena power, the Senate Small Business Committee is undertaking a survey of the sales and distribution pattern of major steel mills. The committee has already prepared a questionnaire for distribution to the mills. The mills will be asked to reveal quantities of steel sold to all types of customers. They will also be asked to reveal the geographical locations of customers, but not their names.

The questionnaire is designed to show three things: (1) It aims to show whether fabricators located near the mills are getting more steel than those located at distant points. (2) It hopes to determine whether the mills of the integrated companies are selling a disproportionate amount of their semifinished products to their own finishing facilities at the expense of independent fabricators. (3) It seeks to learn to what end use fabricators put the steel which they receive from the mills.

A preliminary testing of the questionnaire was under way last week in Pittsburgh. The test is being conducted by three investigators of the committee. Guinea pig for the experiment is the Carnegie-Illinois subsidiary of U. S. Steel Corp., permission for the test having been obtained from David Austin, vice-president. Results of this preliminary test are expected to determine whether or not the questionnaire will require revision before being applied to all the major steel mills of the nation.

Steelmakers can not be expected to relish this type of inquisition. Like other business men they are adamant in their belief that they should be left free to conduct their business as they see fit—so long as they are not breaking the laws of the land. On the other hand, however, they have little to fear from this questionnaire.

If the committee expects to reveal sweeping changes in the distribution of steel since the advent of the change to f.o.b. selling, it will be disappointed. While some changes have occurred, and will continue to occur, the sweeping changes predicted by some are not yet fact.

### Pretesting of Questionnaire Takes Place at Carnegie-Illinois Steel Offices

By BILL PACKARD  
Ass't. News, Markets Editor

The reason of course is the continued strong demand for steel and steel products.

Consumers far distant from their present source of supply do not want to lose the advantage of historic relationship with their supplying mill. At least not without assurance from a closer mill that it will supply them at least as much steel as they have been getting. And the mills, hard pressed to fill present customer quotas, are in no

position to take on new customers—even if they are closer.

Long before the steel industry capitulated to mounting FTC pressure against the basing point method of selling some producers had been steadily, if slowly, withdrawing from distant markets. They were doing this for the very practical purpose of saving freight absorption. Unquestionably this trend will continue. But the situation is now reversed. It is now the steel consumer, seeking a closer mill source to reduce freight costs, who is causing the change. And he can affect a change only when he can obtain assurance of supply from a closer mill, which may not be able to accept his order in the face of quota commitments which already equal its capacity.

Of course, any weakening in demand for steel would immediately serve to accelerate this change in the pattern of steel distribution. But even the perennial prophets of failing steel demand are speaking much more softly than they did a year ago. Some slight soft spots might be beginning to make their appearance in the market. For example, it could be pointed out that orders for stainless and alloy grades of steel declined slightly in the past month; while this is true, it is still too early to tell whether this is just a temporary dip, or whether supply is actually catching up in its race with demand. At any rate these products still cannot be obtained on a moment's notice.

Meanwhile, some companies report orders for other types of products continue to increase. Backlog orders for oil and gas line pipe now extend through 1953, National Tube Co. said last week. Demand for sheets, too, appears to be unabated.

What the Senate Small Business Committee hopes, primarily, is to find out what the steel industry can do to channel more steel into the hands of small manufacturers. The industry is sympathetic with this aim, but has found the fact more difficult than the theory.

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### Pretest Probe

#### Washington

• • • The Senate Small Business Committee, sponsor of the investigation, selected U. S. Steel and Bethlehem as being typical producing firms for the probers' pretest visit to Pittsburgh.

Senator Martin, R., Pa., chairman of the steel subcommittee, admits that inequities in steel distribution are "difficult of solution."

But it should not be an insurmountable problem, he adds, "if the steel industry is earnest in its desire to keep the normal channels of trade open to free, competitive enterprise."

The overall investigation, according to Senator Martin, will include "a complete record of sales of steel products by steel companies to their integrated operations, and a comparison of such sales with those to independent companies, at all levels of operation, together with a finding as to the effects upon independent users and producers resulting from such integrated operation."

Sales records on hot and cold-rolled sheet, bar and strip will provide the framework of the survey. The information acquired by the committee will be turned over to the Federal Trade Commission for further analysis. This was first proposed in an earlier committee report on distribution practices (THE IRON AGE, Jan. 15, 1948, p. 98).



# WAA Blast Furnace at Cleveland is Hub of Bitter Arguments

## Cleveland

• • • Last week Cleveland became the center of a warplant disposal fight with implications that are of nationwide importance. The controversy, stirred up by a simple War Assets Administration announcement on Aug. 17 that Kaiser-Frazer Corp. would begin operating on Sept. 1 the 1200-ton a day blast furnace and 1100-ton a day coke over battery built by the government at a total cost of \$28 million and operated during and after the war by Republic Steel Corp., threatens to continue for a long time. A decision is sure to require a study of the problem by highest administration officials because of its implications to the rearmament and European recovery programs.

A close study of all the available facts indicates probability that the controversy originated out of a shrewd game of bluff and counterbluff on the part of two of the three directly involved parties. The joker in the deal is the provision in the interim lease for cancellation by either party after 30 days' notice. Should WAA exercise its right of cancellation, there is a provision to reimburse Kaiser-Frazer for WAA-approved expenditures for improvements, alterations or repairs to plants. The declared purpose of the interim lease is to work out the details of a sales agreement or long term lease.

According to the informed opinion of industry observers, it is totally unlikely that the administration would permit this plant to be removed from its important function of supplying foundry pig iron for use in the housing or other essential programs. Neither is it probable, according to this information, that Republic Steel Corp. would permit any action to be taken which would jeopardize its acquisition of these plant facilities that had been offered to Republic well below the current cost of replacement.

The terms of the interim Kaiser-Frazer lease call for the payment to WAA of \$1.50 per ton of pig iron and coke produced, plus the assumption of the cost of operation, maintenance, taxes and insurance. A base purchase price of

## Republic Steel Feels They Got Short End of Stick in Latest WAA Move

By JOHN ANTHONY  
Eastern Regional Editor

\$14.2 million is proposed in the agreement subject to adjustment to reflect any loss of productivity sustained by Kaiser-Frazer from possible lack of cooperation or obstruction by Republic Steel. The long term lease proposal calls for the payment of \$2 a ton for pig iron and \$1.50 a ton for coke for a 20-year period based on a \$43 pig iron market, with an adjustment of 5¢ a ton on pig iron and 3½¢ on coke for every \$1 a ton change in the pig iron market. A minimum yearly rental of \$800,000 is proposed. Minimum payments per ton of production regardless of market price are proposed at \$1.50 for pig iron and \$1.25 for coke.

The first move was taken by Republic Steel Corp. in an effort to bring to a head negotiations extending over an 11-month period since the expiration of the Republic operating lease on Sept. 1, 1947. Various proposals for Republic acquisition of the scrambled plant facilities were made by WAA and Republic during the period without

any approaching agreement in prospect. According to Jess Larson, War Assets Administrator, proposals advanced by him during this period included an interim lease, a long term lease with purchase option, outright purchase and, because of the paramount public interest existing at present, operation on a basis of cost plus fixed fee. Mr. Larson also said that Republic had declined an offer to arbitrate the questions in dispute.

Meanwhile, the plant was being operated during this period without any existing agreement. Fearful of incurring unreasonable rental charges which would have to be established retroactively, Republic advised the administrator on Aug. 10 that production at the government facilities would be discontinued on Aug. 31, unless WAA agreed that operations continue after that date on an interim basis, on the rental conditions set forth in Republic's proposal of Dec. 11, 1947. At once Administrator Larson offered the above proposal to Kaiser-Frazer, which was quickly accepted. According to a statement made to THE IRON AGE Washington Bureau by a spokesman for WAA, Republic had submitted only a single proposal during the 11-month period, in essence an offer to buy the coke ovens for about \$4.2 million and to lease the furnace with a purchase option at \$7.7 million.

It is clear from the surprise which Republic Steel officials received the information on the Kaiser-Frazer lease that there had been

*THIS IS IT: Here is the blast furnace about which the arguments fly thick and fast at Cleveland. Kaiser-Frazer has leased it from WAA but more will be heard about furnace and coke plants in months to come.*





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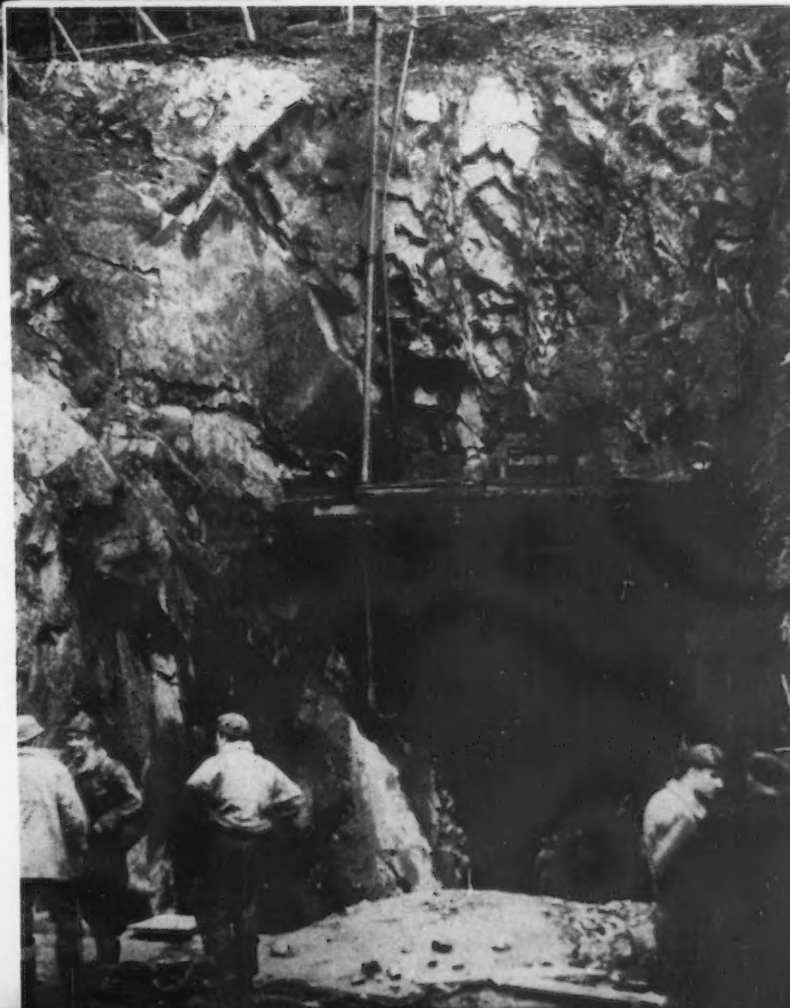


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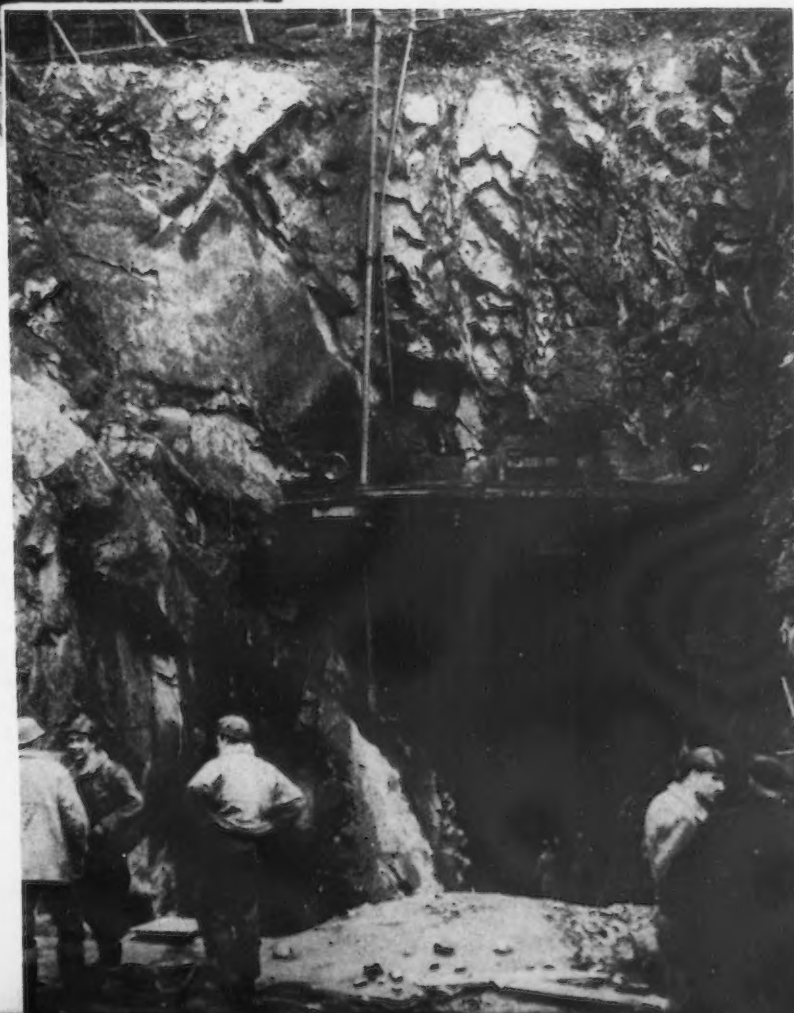


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Toronto

• • • Canadian pig iron production in June amounted to 183,763 net tons or an average daily rate of 81.4 pct of rated capacity. This is to be compared with the all time peak of 193,305 tons made in May when the daily average was 82.9 pct, and with 159,826 tons in June, 1947, when the daily average was 70.8 pct.

For the month under review, pig iron output included 148,641 tons of basic iron of which 139,337 tons were for further use by producers and 9304 tons for sale; 18,809 tons of foundry iron with 840 tons for further use and 17,969 tons for sale; and 16,313 tons of malleable iron, all for sale.

For the first 6 months this year cumulative pig iron production totaled 1,031,693 net tons, compared with 973,153 tons for the corresponding period of 1947 and 876,023 tons for 1946.

Production of ferroalloys in June amounted to 13,502 net tons against 18,436 tons in May and 16,212 tons in June, 1947. For the month under review output included by tonnage, ferrosilicon, silico-manganese, ferromanganese, ferro-chrome, chorm-x and ferrophosphorus. In the first 6 months this year, output of ferroalloys totaled 89,653 net tons against 77,750 tons in the 1947 period and 68,991 tons in 1946.

Following are comparative monthly production figures for 1948 in net tons:

	PIG IRON	FERRO-ALLOYS
January .....	160,042	17,127
February .....	151,123	11,823
March .....	172,675	14,293
April .....	170,785	14,474
May .....	193,305	18,436
June .....	183,763	13,502
Total, 6 Months.....	1,031,693	89,653

## Alan Wood Earnings Climb

Philadelphia

• • • The report of Alan Wood Steel Co. for the 6 months ended June 30, 1948, shows net income, after all charges and taxes, of \$1,274,356, compared with \$994,025 in the first 6 months of 1947. Net sales amounted to \$21,696,251 for the first 6 months of 1948 compared with \$17,896,850 in the same period of 1947.

## Construction Steel . . . .

• • • Fabricated steel awards this week included the following:

4425 Tons, Indianapolis, Western Electric building, to R. C. Mahon Co., Detroit.  
2200 Tons, Port Washington, Wis., power house extension, Wisconsin Electric Power Co., to Worden-Allen Co., Milwaukee.

195 Tons, Prairie and Dawson Cos., Mont., bridges on Terry-Glendive Rd., through Northwestern Engineering Co. to Bethlehem Steel Co., Inc., Bethlehem.

• • • Fabricated steel inquiries this week included the following:

500 Tons, Detroit, power house addition, Detroit Edison Power Co.

• • • Reinforcing bar awards this week included the following:

2500 Tons, Chicago, apartment buildings for the Chicago Housing Authority; contract awarded to S. N. Nielsen Co., Chicago.  
810 Tons, Chicago, Allstate Insurance Co. building; contract awarded to B-W Construction Co., Chicago.

305 Tons, East Boston, Mass., extension rapid transit tunnel, through V. Barletta and Co., Roslindale, Mass., to Bethlehem Steel Co., Bethlehem.

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3090 Tons, Los Angeles, improvement of Tujunga Wash, Los Angeles River, Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles, Serial No. Eng-04-353-49-7, bids to Sept. 14.

425 Tons, Shelton and Darby, Conn. Housa-

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360 Tons, Hinsdale, Ill., Township school.

• • • Castings and miscellaneous steel and iron inquiries this week included the following:

320 Tons, East Boston, Mass., airplane loading apron and facilities, General Logan Airport.

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150 Tons, Prairie and Dawson Cos., Mont., bridges on Terry-Glendive Rd., through Northwestern Engineering Co. to Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp., Pittsburgh.

• • • Piling inquiries this week included the following:

1130 Tons, Shelton and Darby, Conn. Housa-tonic River Bridge substructure, Mariani Construction Co., New Haven. Low bidder.

• • • Railroad car awards this week included the following:

To General American Transportation Co., Chicago, 750 50-ton hopper cars for Illinois Central; 100 70-ton covered hoppers for the Detroit, Toledo & Shore Line; 200 70-ton covered hoppers for the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R.R. Co. To Pressed Steel Car Co., Inc., Pittsburgh, 600 50-ton hoppers for the Pittsburgh-Western Virginia Railroad, and 1000 55-ton hoppers for the Virginian Railroad.

# 50 YEARS AGO

THE IRON AGE, August 28, 1898

• "The question of electric vehicles is, to the general public, probably the most interesting among recent applications of electricity and the field it opens up for storage batteries is almost beyond limitation. There certainly cannot be the same sympathy and affection between the owner and the electric motor as there is between him and the horse, but for commercial uses there are many reasons why the electric vehicle should supersede our present methods."

• "News comes from London to the effect that the famous British scientist, Professor Ramsay who was one of those responsible for the discovery of argon gas, has now eliminated from the atmosphere a new gas to which he has given the name of Crypton."

• "The old prejudice against the alternate current motor has become nothing more than his-

tory. As the original promoters of the use of ac apparatus, the Westinghouse Co. have been outstanding in the development of equipment of this type, whether in monophase or poly-phase systems."

• "Jones & Laughlin Ltd. have just issued the 13th edition of their famous manual of Useful Information for Business Men, Mechanics and Engineers. This diminutive book, easily carried in the vest pocket, has long been in high favor among engineers."

• "A newly announced substitute for rubber, named Perchoid by its inventor, Dr. Napier Ford, is described as an oil which has undergone a high degree of oxidation. It is heated with litharge and mixed with sulfur. The promoters have the impression that it will be largely used in the pneumatic tire industry."

## Weekly Gallup Polls . . .

### Farmers' Political Sentiment Points To GOP and Dewey

Princeton, N. J.

• • • American farm voters, who have been moving away from the Democratic party and into the Republican camp since 1936, are today in favor of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for President by a substantial majority, according to George Gallup, director, American Institute of Public Opinion.

Present indications are that Gov. Dewey will poll a higher proportion of the farm vote this year than he did when he ran for President in 1944. However, a substantial proportion of farmers—12 pct—have not yet made up their minds what man or party they favor.

Henry A. Wallace, himself a farmer and once Secretary of Agriculture, appears to have a limited appeal to the farm vote, with only 2 pct supporting him at present. The Wallace third party strength is confined mainly to the nation's big cities.

Those are the highlights of farm political opinion in the institute's nationwide presidential poll conducted immediately after the Republican and Democratic nominating conventions.

Farmers in all states were asked:

"If a presidential election were being held TODAY, how would you vote—for Dewey, for Truman or for Wallace?"

#### FARMERS

	Pct.
Dewey	48
Truman	38
Wallace	2
No opinion	12

With the no opinion percentage eliminated, the division of the vote is:

	Pct.
Dewey	55
Truman	43
Wallace	2

The farm vote outside the South was traditionally Republican in the years before the New Deal. Then during the depression of the 1930s, millions of farm converts were won by the Democratic party. In the

election of 1936 approximately six out of every ten American farmers voted for Roosevelt. The trend away from the Democratic party was first seen in the 1940 election, as the following table shows:

	Democrat Pct.	Republican Pct.
1936 election	59	41
1940 election	54	46
1944 election	48	52
*Today's Poll	43	55

\* Not shown in this table is the farm vote for Wallace—2 pct.

• • • Although the Republican party is stronger today than at any time in 16 years, it still has not succeeded in breaking Democratic hold on two large and important voting elements—manual workers and members of labor unions.

The working man's vote is not as solidly Democratic as in the days of the late Mr. Roosevelt. Henry A. Wallace's third party has cut into it considerably. Nevertheless the vote of this section of the population still leans toward the Democrats and will be of great aid to President Truman in November. The CIO is reported ready to take active part in support of the Democratic party, as in previous years.

From coast to coast voters were asked:

"If the presidential election were being held TODAY, how would you vote—for Truman, for Dewey or for Wallace?"

Those whose occupations fall in the manual worker group vote as follows:

#### MANUAL WORKERS

	Pct.
Truman	45
Dewey	38
Wallace	6
No opinion	11

With the undecided or no opinion eliminated the result is 50 pct for Dewey and 7 pct for Wallace.

All persons in the poll sample who indicated that they are members of labor unions voted as fol-

### Manual Workers and Members Of Labor Organizations Favor Democratic Party and Truman

lows on the presidential preference question:

#### UNION MEMBERS

	Pct.
Truman	46
Dewey	38
Wallace	7
No opinion	9

With the no opinion eliminated the vote is 50 pct for Truman, 42 pct for Dewey and 8 pct for Wallace.

Reports issued during recent weeks by the institute show the pattern of political opinion this year shaping up as follows:

	Dewey Pct.	Truman Pct.	Wallace Pct.
Farmers	55	43	2
Manual Workers	43	50	7
Union members	42	50	8
ALL U. S.	53	41	6

The Democratic percentage among manual workers and union members is down considerably from other years, partly due to gains made by the Republicans and partly to the fact that Mr. Wallace splits the Democratic vote.

The trend in the last three presidential elections follows:

#### MANUAL WORKERS

	Dem. Pct.	Rep. Pct.
1936 election	74	26
1940 election	66	34
1944 election	62	38
*TODAY	50	43

\* Wallace vote, not included in the table, totals 7 pct of those with opinions.

#### UNION MEMBERS

	Dem. Pct.	Rep. Pct.
1936	80	20
1940	72	28
1944	72	28
*TODAY	50	42

\* Wallace vote 8 pct.



## Machine Tool Builders Turn Slightly Sour on Future Outlook

• • • Optimistic views of a heavy year for machine tool builders are slowly growing dimmer as time passes without evidence of growing tool demand for rearmament or foreign reconstruction.

The infant prewar industry, having grown in capacity to a \$600 million a year adult, is not expected by some observers to exceed \$300 million billings this year, only slightly larger than last year in dollar volume. Sharply higher prices, which do not yet reflect the most recent increases in steel, castings and nonferrous metals, forecast lower unit shipments.

For months, builders and dealers have been holding to the belief that the rearmament programs and the buying here and offshore for foreign aid would be a bonanza. Now many members of the industry are coldly examining the facts to find what the future holds.

In tooling for rearmament, the only major field offering immediate promise is the jet engine program. Yet, not more than 2500 jet engines will be required at this time. Reciprocating engines are the backbone of the current aircraft program, but tooling is available in standby condition for production tremendously in excess of what would be required by the 70-group air force or any addition to it which would be made at this time, barring an actual declaration of war.

Aside from the aircraft building program, rearmament seems to hold little promise of important tool business this year. Observers point to the inactivity of the government ordnance plants which they know would be the first to show an armament program in being.

It is reliably reported in the industry that export sales volume has dropped to a low point of 10 pct from the normal average 15 pct to 25 pct of domestic sales. Basically, this is the result of the worldwide shortage of dollars. However, the industry had believed that with the implementing of the European Recovery Program, foreign orders would begin to flood in. This has

### No Growing Tool Demand For Rearmament or Foreign Use in Sight Yet

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not proved true. It doesn't mean that foreign manufacturers would not be glad to get American tools for their use. Information in the trade indicates that the foreign buyers covered by ECA stand ready to place orders at a volume that might well tax the capacity of domestic industry to produce.

Each nation a party to ECA is managing its ECA allotment to the greatest possible advantage. Priority is given to more essential requirements, which, of course, differ for each nation. So far no foreign government has deemed it advisable to build up metal fabricating industries in preference to what is considered more immediately essential. Food is the first essential in every country. Second is repair materials and equipment for damaged docks, bridges, railroads, and trucking and handling equipment. Only after these prime essentials are fulfilled does the country divert its attention to requirements for agricultural equipment and industrial plant equipment.

Timing is of critical importance. Acquisition of machine tools would require from 6 months to a year for delivery, coupled with requirements for increased steel, iron and nonferrous metal supplies, before foreign industry could begin the production of their most essential requirements.

How European nations feel about the essentiality of machine tools can be understood when one recalls the many German tool manufacturing plants available to victorious nations as reparations. Only Russia took the opportunity to rebuild its home industry. Other countries apparently felt that these facilities would place them at a competitive disadvantage with United States

industry using more modern equipment.

Strangely enough, now, when exports of United States tools are all but blocked off, some foreign machinery producers have been seeking outlets in the U. S. market. This must be attributed solely to the urgent need to obtain the universally useful dollar.

Men in the industry are already visualizing the impact of the coming depression on the willingness of Congress and the country to continue aiding Europe with billions. On the other hand, foreigners do not think in terms of the approved 15-month program at \$5 billion. Instead, some have actually talked here about a 5-year period of aid to Europe, estimating the total distribution at \$25 billion.

Tool men are beginning to recognize that before the U. S. industry can export to the extent required to maintain current industry capacity it will be necessary to reorganize our national thinking on the tariff question, ECA or no. As the world's largest creditor nation, loans to foreign nations so that they may place business in this country are no better than a gift while protective tariffs on so many of our products prohibit their import.

In facing this problem frankly, some machine tool men realize that a domestic free trade policy would result in some invasion of the American tool market by foreign producers. This sacrifice they believe necessary in order that the industry might reasonably expect to compete in the foreign market to a much greater extent than heretofore.

### Workers Get 6¢ Increase

Springfield, Mass.

• • • Van Norman Co., Springfield, and workers have ratified a new contract, thus ending a 72-day strike. Workers will get a 6¢ an hour boost now and 3¢ additional Jan. 17.

## Prices Stay Firm; Strong Undertone Prevails

### New York

• • • Formula prices seem to have firmly entrenched themselves at last despite rumors to the contrary last week. Prices across the board remained substantially the same. Demand continues heavy and a strong undertone prevails.

Only change in heavy melting grades was at Buffalo where No. 1 advanced \$1 to a top of \$48 because of strong demand and skimpy offerings.

The cast market continues to be erratic and spotty—but strong. Prices advanced \$1 a ton in Detroit for No. 1 cupola cast, heavy breakable cast, and automotive cast. In Cincinnati foundries are not exerting pressure on cast grades largely because of summer vacations.

Numerous price changes have been made for Cincinnati scrap because of a change in method of quoting prices there. We now quote *f.o.b. cars Cincinnati*, instead of *f.o.b. delivered consumer*. Price readjustments in most grades therefore reflect this change.

Considerable speculation exists in the Cleveland area as a result of Kaiser-Frazer taking over the blast furnace formerly operated by Republic Steel Co. If Kaiser can hold on to the furnace, it is believed that Republic will have to start buying heavy melting for its Cleveland furnace in very large tonnages. Foundries that will be cut off from all Republic iron as a result of this transaction will be hard pressed and undoubtedly will bid sharply for foundry grades in an effort to keep operating.

PITTSBURGH—The market here was steady, with movement reported good. The 50¢ advance in rail specialties registered a week ago held good. And this group was reported very firm at the higher price. In fact, with the exception of two or three grades which reflected little movement or slight weakness, the entire list was very firm. Major consumers were adhering strictly to the new formula. And they were reported buying fairly large tonnages. Despite scrap movement reported fair to very good, continued heavy consumption by the mills in this area was taking all the play.

Competition among consumers at existing prices remained very keen.

CHICAGO—With big mills holding to formula prices, openhearth scrap prices here appear to be anchored for the moment at \$41.50 to \$42 levels. If anything, the disposition of short interests to pay higher prices appear to be waning. However, the underlying tone of the market remains strong, and prices, particularly for cast grades, fluctuate over a wide range. Some sources indicate a spread as wide as \$15 per ton in cast iron. Anticipated sales of railroad lists this week will be closely watched for indications of market trends. In addition to actual scrap shortages, some users and dealers report considerable difficulties over grading requirements.

PHILADELPHIA—The market continues quiet with no price changes and little action expected until after Labor Day. Demand for heavy scrap is very strong with little of it available. Most of the scrap moving is of the light variety. Shipments remain much the same. One company is reported to be making considerable progress in building up a backlog of cast for the winter. Users of heavy melting grades, however, are experiencing little such success.

CLEVELAND—The market continues strong here but prices are fixed firmly to formula levels. Demand is steady, but despite the fact that the mills are not able to build up winter reserves, they are not attempting to exercise pressure to make purchases. Scrap of all grades is still in short supply in this market, but shipments are heavy at this time. Mills are looking toward the next few months to see a marked increase in intake. Speculation is rife as to the effect of the Republic-Kaiser furnace deal. Most factors feel that if Kaiser-Frazer is able to make the deal stick, there will be an important change in the heavy melting and foundry demand here and in adjacent markets. Republic, it is believed, will have to begin buying heavy melting for its Cleveland furnaces in very large tonnages. Foundries, cut off from all Republic pig iron, will start to bid up foundry grades very sharply. In the meantime, no factors are yet willing to gamble on the outcome. Some readjustment of foundry prices occurred last week. There were no changes in Valley prices.

DETROIT—With local mills reported to be comfortable with respect to scrap, the Detroit market is marking time although the undertone is strong. Reports of outstate sales of low phos at over-the-formula continue to come in. Some sources indicate that the tonnages involved are substantial. The cast market

is spotty—but strong—although Campbell, Wyant & Cannon, normally a large user, is out of the market. Most local foundries are more concerned at the moment with the loss of a major pig iron source than they are about events in the scrap market.

BUFFALO—No. 1 heavy melting steel advanced a solid \$1 last week to a top of \$48 on strong demand and skimpy offerings. And dealers were talking of a \$50 market for select scrap. Some brokers were reported paying over-formula prices to cover contracts for mill grades. Apparently in the belief that the formula is due for another jolt upward in the near future. The outside price for choice low phos scrap likewise was boosted \$1. Overall supplies of openhearth material were spotty, with allocated scrap constituting the bulk of the movement and carrying the full \$2.50 formula increase. Cast scrap was tight, but unchanged.

CINCINNATI—All factors here believe that scrap quotations in this market should be reported on the basis of *f.o.b. cars Cincinnati*, because all buying is done on that basis. Therefore, there are price readjustments in most grades to reflect this change. Mills are adhering to formula prices. Foundries are not exerting pressure on cast grades, largely because of low summer operations. There is considerable speculation on the effects of the Republic furnace deal as it would affect cast grades here. Developments are summarized in Cleveland market report.

NEW YORK—There were no price changes this week. The market remained static with demand still strong. Cast grades were particularly strong because of the New England pig iron shortage. But prices of cast grades did not advance as many sources had anticipated and are not expected to now. There is no improvement in the demand for chemical borings. As a result shipments are still very restricted.

BOSTON—The heavy demand and extreme shortage of scrap makes the new and higher formula prices a matter of theory rather than practice. The formula is \$34.40, the actual price is about \$36 for No. 1 heavy melting. Many are doubtful that the present formula can hold very long under the present conditions. All along the line prices appear firm to strong. No. 1 machinery cast is up around \$64 to \$65. Chemical borings are somewhat more in demand. As for heavy breakable, the mills show little desire for it. One mill is taking it at its own price, according to one broker.

BIRMINGHAM—A relatively heavy flow of openhearth material continues to move to consumers in this area and mills are able to build up improvements. Cast grades still are much in demand. Quality of scrap generally shows little improvement.



# PITTSBURGH

Per gross ton delivered to consumer:

No. 1 hvy. melting.....	\$42.50 to \$43.00
RR. hvy. melting.....	43.50 to 44.00
No. 2 hvy. melting.....	42.50 to 43.00
RR. scrap rails.....	57.00 to 58.00
Rails 2 ft and under.....	62.50 to 63.50
No. 1 comp'd bundles.....	42.50 to 43.00
Hand bld. new shts.....	42.50 to 43.00
Hvy. axle turn.....	44.00 to 44.50
Hvy. steel forge turn.....	44.00 to 44.50
Mach. shop turn.....	37.50 to 38.00
Shoveling turn.....	39.50 to 40.00
Mixed bor. and turn.....	37.50 to 38.00
Cast iron boring.....	39.50 to 40.00
No. 1 cupola cast.....	64.50 to 65.50
Hvy. breakable cast.....	55.00 to 56.00
Malleable.....	76.00 to 77.00
RR knuck. and cup.....	58.50 to 59.50
RR. coil springs.....	58.50 to 59.50
RR. leaf springs.....	58.50 to 59.50
Rolled steel wheels.....	58.50 to 59.50
Low phos.....	49.50 to 50.00

# CHICAGO

Per gross ton delivered to consumer:

No. 1 hvy. melting.....	\$41.50 to \$42.00
No. 2 hvy. melting.....	41.50 to 42.00
No. 1 bundles.....	41.50 to 42.00
No. 2 dealers' bundles.....	41.50 to 42.00
Bundled mach. shop turn.....	39.50 to 40.00
Galv. bundles.....	38.00 to 38.50
Mach. shop turn.....	36.50 to 37.50
Short shov. turn.....	38.50 to 39.50
Cast iron borings.....	38.00 to 40.00
Mix. borings and turn.....	36.50 to 37.50
Low phos. hvy. forge.....	51.00 to 52.00
Low phos. plates.....	49.00 to 50.00
No. 1 RR. hvy. melt.....	44.25 to 48.50
Revolving rails.....	62.25 to 67.75
Miscellaneous rails.....	61.00 to 62.00
Angles & splice bars.....	59.00 to 60.00
Locomotive tires, cut.....	60.00 to 61.00
Cut bolster & side frames.....	54.00 to 55.00
Standard stl. car axles.....	72.00 to 73.00
No. 3 steel wheels.....	57.50 to 58.00
Couplers and knuckles.....	57.00 to 57.50
Rails, 2 ft and under.....	64.00 to 67.00
Malleable.....	82.00 to 83.00
No. 1 mach. cast.....	74.00 to 75.00
No. 1 agricul. cast.....	68.00 to 70.00
Heavy breakable cast.....	63.00 to 65.00
RR. grate bars.....	67.00 to 68.00
Cast iron brake shoes.....	60.00 to 61.00
Cast iron car wheels.....	63.00 to 64.00

# CINCINNATI

Per gross ton, f.o.b. cars.

No. 1 hvy. melting.....	\$40.00 to \$41.00
No. 2 hvy. melting.....	40.00 to 41.00
No. 1 bundles.....	40.00 to 41.00
No. 2 bundles.....	40.00 to 41.00
Mach. shop turn.....	35.00 to 36.00
Shoveling turn.....	37.00 to 38.00
Cast iron borings.....	36.00 to 37.00
Mixed bor. & turn.....	35.00 to 36.00
Low phos., 18 in. under.....	52.00 to 53.00
No. 1 cupola cast.....	66.00 to 68.00
Hvy. breakable cast.....	60.00 to 61.00
Rails 18 in. and under.....	63.00 to 65.00
Rails random length.....	57.00 to 59.00
Drop broken.....	71.00 to 72.00

# BOSTON

Brokers' buying prices per gross ton, on cars:

No. 1 heavy, melting.....	\$34.40
No. 2 hvy. melting.....	34.40
No. 1 and 2 bundles.....	34.40
Busheling.....	34.40
Shoveling turn.....	31.40
Machine shop turn.....	29.40
Mixed bor. and turn.....	29.40
Cl'n cast chem. bor.....	36.00 to 37.00
No. 1 machinery cast.....	64.00 to 65.00
No. 2 machinery case.....	57.00 to 57.50
Heavy breakable cast.....	53.50 to 54.50
Stove plate.....	51.00 to 51.50

# DETROIT

Per gross ton, brokers' buying prices f.o.b. cars:

No. 1 hvy. melting.....	\$38.00
No. 2 hvy. melting.....	38.00
No. 1 bundles.....	38.00
New busheling.....	38.00
Flashings.....	38.00
Mach. shop turn.....	\$32.50 to 33.00
Shoveling turn.....	34.50 to 35.00
Cast iron borings.....	33.50 to 34.00
Mixed bor. & turn.....	34.50 to 35.00
Low phos. plate.....	49.50 to 49.00
No. 1 cupola cast.....	56.00 to 59.00
Heavy breakable cast.....	51.00 to 54.00
Stove plate.....	53.00 to 54.00
Automotive cast.....	57.00 to 59.00

Going prices as obtained in the trade by THE IRON AGE, based on representative tonnages.

# PHILADELPHIA

Per gross ton delivered to consumer:

No. 1 hvy. melting.....	\$44.50 to \$45.50
No. 2 hvy. melting.....	41.00 to 41.50
No. 1 bundles.....	44.50 to 45.50
No. 2 bundles.....	41.00 to 41.50
Mach. shop turn.....	36.50 to 37.50
Shoveling turn.....	38.00 to 38.50
Mixed bor. and turn.....	36.50 to 37.50
Clean cast chemical bor.....	41.50 to 42.00
No. 1 machinery cast.....	65.00 to 66.00
No. 1 mixed yard cast.....	60.00 to 62.00
Hvy. breakable cast.....	61.50 to 62.50
Clean auto cast.....	65.00 to 66.00
Hvy. axle forge turn.....	46.50 to 47.50
Low phos. plate.....	49.50 to 50.50
Low phos. punchings.....	49.50 to 50.50
Low phos. bundles.....	47.00 to 48.00
RR. steel wheels.....	53.00 to 54.00
RR. coil springs.....	53.00 to 54.00
RR. malleable.....	75.00 to 78.00
Cast iron carwheels.....	68.00 to 70.00

# ST LOUIS

Per gross ton delivered to consumer:

No. 1 hvy. melting.....	\$43.00 to \$44.00
No. 2 hvy. melting.....	40.00 to 41.00
Bundled sheets.....	40.00 to 41.00
Mach. shop turn.....	35.00 to 36.00
Shoveling turnings.....	37.00 to 38.00
Locomotive tires, uncut.....	50.00 to 51.00
Mis. std. sec. rails.....	52.00 to 54.00
Steel angle bars.....	54.00 to 55.00
Rails 3 ft and under.....	58.00 to 60.00
RR. steel springs.....	51.00 to 52.00
Steel car axles.....	56.00 to 57.00
Grate bars.....	59.00 to 60.00
Brake shoes.....	59.00 to 60.00
Malleable.....	72.00 to 73.00
Cast iron car wheels.....	61.00 to 62.00
No. 1 machinery cast.....	65.00 to 67.00
Hvy. breakable cast.....	53.00 to 60.00

# BIRMINGHAM

Per gross ton delivered to consumer:

No. 1 hvy. melting.....	\$40.00
No. 2 hvy. melting.....	40.00
No. 2 bundles.....	40.00
No. 1 busheling.....	40.00
Long turnings.....	27.50 to 28.50
Shoveling turnings.....	29.50 to 30.50
Cast iron borings.....	29.00
Bar crops and plate.....	44.00 to 45.00
Structural and plate.....	44.00 to 45.00
No. 1 cupola cast.....	64.00 to 67.00
Stove plate.....	62.00 to 64.00
No. 1 RR. hvy. melt.....	41.00
Steel axles.....	51.00 to 52.00
Scrap rails.....	44.00 to 45.00
Revolving rails.....	55.00 to 57.00
Angles & splice bars.....	51.00 to 53.00
Rails 3 ft & under.....	52.00 to 55.00
Cast iron carwheels.....	50.00 to 55.00

# YOUNGSTOWN

Per gross ton delivered to consumer:

No. 1 hvy. melting.....	\$42.50 to \$43.00
No. 2 hvy. melting.....	42.50 to 43.00
Mach. shop turn.....	27.50 to 28.00
Short shov. turn.....	39.50 to 40.00
Cast iron borings.....	38.50 to 39.00
Low phos.....	47.50 to 48.00

# NEW YORK

Brokers' buying prices per gross ton, on cars:

No. 1 hvy. melting.....	\$38.50 to \$39.00
No. 2 hvy. melting.....	37.00
No. 2 bundles.....	37.00
Mach. shop turn.....	31.50 to 32.00
Mixed bor. & turn.....	31.50 to 32.00
Shoveling turnings.....	33.50 to 34.00
No. 1 cupola cast.....	57.50 to 58.50
Clean auto cast.....	57.50 to 58.50
Hvy. breakable cast.....	56.00 to 57.00
Charging box cast.....	56.00 to 57.00
Instrip motor blks.....	58.00 to 59.00
Cl'n cast chem. bor.....	35.50 to 36.50

# BUFFALO

Per gross ton delivered to consumer:

No. 1 hvy. melting.....	\$46.00 to \$48.00
No. 2 heavy, melting.....	41.75 to 42.25
No. 1 bundles.....	41.75 to 42.25
No. 2 bundles.....	41.75 to 42.25
No. 1 busheling.....	41.75 to 42.25
Mach. shop turn.....	36.75 to 37.25
Shoveling turn.....	38.75 to 39.25
Cast iron borings.....	37.75 to 38.25
Mixed bor. and turn.....	36.75 to 37.25
Clean auto cast.....	63.00 to 64.00
Mixed cupola cast.....	63.00 to 64.00
Charging box cast.....	59.00 to 60.00
Stove plate.....	62.00 to 63.00
Stove auto cast.....	60.00 to 61.00
RR. malleable.....	70.00 to 75.00
Small indl. malleable.....	47.00 to 49.00
Low phos. plate.....	47.25 to 49.00
Scrap rails.....	50.00 to 52.00
Rails 3 ft & under.....	57.00 to 58.00
RR steel wheels.....	51.00 to 52.00
Cast iron carwheels.....	51.00 to 52.00
RR. coll & leaf spgs.....	51.00 to 52.00
RR. knuckles & coup.....	51.00 to 52.00

# CLEVELAND

Per gross ton delivered to consumer:

No. 1 hvy. melting.....	\$42.00 to \$43.00
No. 2 hvy. melting.....	42.00 to 43.00
No. 1 bundles.....	42.00 to 43.00
No. 1 busheling.....	42.00 to 43.00
Drop forge flashings.....	42.00 to 43.00
Mach. shop turn.....	37.00 to 37.50
Shoveling turn.....	38.00 to 38.50
Steel axle turn.....	42.00 to 43.00
Cast iron borings.....	38.00 to 38.50
Mixed bor. & turn.....	38.00 to 38.50
Low phos.....	47.00 to 47.50
No. 1 machinery cast.....	72.00 to 74.50
Malleable.....	79.00 to 81.00
RR. cast.....	76.00 to 77.00
Railroad grate bars.....	60.00 to 62.00
Stove plate.....	61.00 to 63.00
RR. hvy. melting.....	43.00 to 43.50
Rails 3 ft and under.....	63.50 to 64.50
Rails 18 in. and under.....	65.00 to 66.00

# SAN FRANCISCO

Per gross ton f.o.b. shipping point:

No. 1 hvy. melting.....	\$37.50
No. 2 hvy. melting.....	37.50
No. 2 bales.....	37.50
No. 3 bales.....	24.50
Mach. shop turn.....	18.00
Elec. fur. 1 ft under.....	26.00 to 40.00
No. 1 cupola cast.....	50.00 to 51.00
RR. hvy. melting.....	28.50
Rails.....	29.00

# LOS ANGELES

Per gross ton f.o.b. shipping point:

No. 1 hvy. melting.....	\$27.50
No. 2 hvy. melting.....	27.50
No. 1 bales.....	27.50
No. 2 bales.....	27.50
No. 3 bales.....	24.50
Mach. shop turn.....	18.00
No. 1 cupola cast.....	45.00 to 50.00
RR. hvy. melting.....	28.50

# SEATTLE

Per gross ton delivered to consumer:

No. 1 & No. 2 hvy. melt.....	\$38.00
Elec turn. 1 ft and under.....	40.00
No. 1 cupola cast.....	40.00 to 43.00
RR. hvy. melting.....	26.00

# HAMILTON, ONT

Per gross ton delivered to consumer: Cast grades f.o.b. shipping point.

Heavy melting.....	\$22.00*
No. 1 bundles.....	22.00*
No. 2 bundles.....	21.50*
Mechanical bundles.....	20.00*
Mixed steel scrap.....	19.00*
Mixed borings and turnings.....	17.00*
Rails, remelting.....	22.00*
Rails, rerolling.....	26.00*
Bushelings.....	17.00*
Bushelings, new fact, prop'd.....	21.00*
Bushelings, new fact, unprop'd.....	16.00*
Short steel turnings.....	17.00*
No. 1 cast.....	42.00 to 46.00
No. 2 cast.....	35.00 to 37.00

\*Celling Price.



# NONFERROUS METALS

... News and Market Activities

## Strikes Create Snag; Producers Hard Pressed By Consumer Demand

New York

• • • Consumer demand for copper, lead and zinc is pressing hard on producers of all three metals who are unable to cope with overall requirements due principally to strikes at the plants of important lead and zinc producers and an unauthorized strike action at the Hurler, New Mexico plant of Kennecott Copper Corp., where the men walked out last week leaving the metal in the fire refined casting furnace, despite the decision of top officials of the CIO Mine Mill and Smelter Workers to continue the men at work. This unauthorized walkout is estimated to tie up this plant's production for a minimum of 2 weeks.

The strikes at the St. Joseph Lead Co. plants in Missouri, and the American Lead Co., subsidiary of National Lead Co., secondary lead smelters, have been in effect for 7 weeks and it is estimated that there has been a total loss of lead production of over 15,000 tons by this time. There is no early prospect of an adjustment of these strikes, as neither company nor union officials show any willingness to begin negotiations.

The Eagle Pitcher strike continues to restrict the zinc production of the tri-state district and during the week three plants of American Zinc, Lead & Smelting Co., at Hillsboro and Fairmount, Ill., and Columbus, Ohio, went out on strike. The zinc supply situation is fast becoming almost as critical as the lead shortage. Brass mills striving to meet their production schedules are suffering acutely from shortages of copper and zinc and the small amounts of lead they require.

It was learned, however, that the metals reserve stockpile is the source of some 2000 to 3000 tons of zinc for late August shipment. This tonnage consists principally of high grade, but also includes a little prime western. A previous announcement of the Office of Metals Reserve had indicated that the stockpile of zinc had been closed to consumers, but with the present shortage it was apparently necessary to reopen it for the most critical

needs. However, once again the announcement is accompanied by the statement that no further allocations of zinc will be made from the stockpile.

In addition to the effect of the strikes in tying up production of nonferrous metals, there is also the program for accelerated strategic stockpiling which is said by producers to be almost ineffectual so far as these three metals are concerned. Regardless of how small the tonnages going into the metals stockpile at this time, there is no doubt that they exert an important restricting effect on consumers' supplies and thereby encourage inflationary trends in the market.

One important consumer of copper has made a public statement deploring the inflationary price effects of even small stockpiling ac-

tivities for copper and zinc. C. Donald Dallas, chairman of the board, Revere Copper & Brass, Inc., addressed a letter to Chairman Hargrave of the Munitions Board proposing an alternative program under which brass obtained from scrap might be stockpiled instead of primary copper and zinc. Mr. Dallas points out that previous wartime experience indicates the most urgent demand for these metals is likely to be for cartridge brasses containing approximately 70 pct copper and 30 pct zinc. He recommends that the government services canvass their sources of brass scrap to determine whether the maximum quantity is being salvaged and converting it into a controlled alloy in cakes suitable for rolling by mills at present in operation.

## Canadian Titanium

New York

• • • Kennco Exploration, Ltd., owned two thirds by the Kennecott Copper Corp. and one third by New Jersey Zinc Co., plans to expend \$25 million in the development of a large titanium ore deposit in the province of Quebec. A railroad, costing around \$10 million and a refinery, about \$15 million, will be among the first construction projects. Eventually, some \$150 million is expected to be expended in developing the ore body. One of the first products the new company expects to produce is pig iron. Millions of tons of ore in commercial quantities are already mapped out.

Some market observers recognize that surplus funds now available in the hands of some nonferrous metals producers make it possible

for them to enter fields outside of their former scope of activities.

## Aluminum Smelting Merger

Cleveland

• • • More than \$50,000 will be spent for new equipment at Aluminum Smelting & Refining Co. and its sales force will be merged with that of Certified Alloys Co. A group of investors purchased Aluminum Smelting from Mrs. Marie K. Ripner who operated the plant for many years after her husband's death. The company is located at 5463 Dunham Road, Maple Heights, and sold for \$300,000 with the building rented for \$15,000 a year for 5 years and option to buy.

Certified Alloys makes zinc alloy ingots. Its office is in the Leader Bldg. and the plant at 3915 E. 91st St.

## Nonferrous Metals Prices

	Aug. 18	Aug. 19	Aug. 20	Aug. 21	Aug. 23	Aug. 24
Copper electro, Conn. ....	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50
Copper, Lake, Conn. ....	23.625	23.625	23.625	23.625	23.625	23.625
Tin, Straits, New York ....	\$1.03	\$1.03	\$1.03	\$1.03	\$1.03	\$1.03
Zinc, East St. Louis ....	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Lead, St. Louis ....	19.30	19.30	19.30	19.30	19.30	19.30

### Primary Metals

(Cents per lb, unless otherwise noted)

Aluminum, 99+%, 10,000 lb, freight allowed	16.00 to 17.00
Aluminum pig	15.00 to 16.00
Antimony, American, Laredo, Tex.	35.00
Beryllium copper, 3.75-4.25% Be	
dollars per lb contained Be	\$20.50
Beryllium aluminum 5% Be, dollars per lb contained Be	\$40.00
Cadmium, del'd	\$1.90
Cobalt, 97-99% (per lb)	\$1.65 to \$1.72
Copper electro, Conn. Valley	23.50
Copper, lake, Conn. Valley	23.625
Gold, U. S. Treas., dollars per troy oz.	\$35.00
Iridium, 99.8%, dollars per troy oz.	\$2.25
Iridium, dollars per try oz.	\$110 to \$120
Lead, St. Louis	19.30
Lead, New York	19.50
Magnesium, 99.8+%, f.o.b. Freeport, Tex.	20.50
Magnesium, sticks, carlots	34.50
Mercury, dollars per 76-lb flask, f.o.b. New York	\$76 to \$78
Nickel, electro, f.o.b. New York	42.90
Palladium, dollars per troy oz.	\$24.00
Platinum, dollars per troy oz.	\$93 to \$96
Silver, New York, cents per oz.	73.5
Tin, Grade A, New York	\$1.03
Zinc, East St. Louis	15.00
Zinc, New York	15.65
Zirconium copper, 20 pct Zr, per lb contained Zr	\$8.75

### Remelted Metals

#### Brass Ingot

(Cents per lb, in carloads)

85-5-5-5 ingot	
No. 115	21.00-22.00
No. 120	20.50-21.50
No. 123	20.00-21.00
80-10-10 ingot	
No. 305	27.25
No. 315	24.25
88-10-2 ingot	
No. 210	33.00
No. 215	31.00
No. 245	24.75-25.75
Yellow ingot	
No. 405	16.25-17.50
Manganese bronze	
No. 421	23.00

#### Aluminum Ingot

(Cents per lb, lots of 30,000 lb)

95-5 aluminum-silicon alloys	
0.30 copper, max.	26.50-27.50
0.60 copper, max.	26.50-27.00
Piston alloys (No. 122 type)	24.25-24.75
No. 12 aluminum (No. 2 grade)	23.50-24.00
108 alloy	23.50-24.25
195 alloy	23.50-24.50
13 alloy	26.00-27.00
AXS-679	24.00-24.50

Steel deoxidizing aluminum, notch-bar granulated or shot	
Grade 1-95 pct-95½ pct.	24.50-25.50
Grade 2-92 pct-95 pct.	24.00-25.00
Grade 3-90 pct-92 pct.	23.50-24.00
Grade 4-85 pct-90 pct.	23.50-24.00

### Electroplating Supplies

#### Anodes

(Cents per lb, f.o.b. shipping point in 500 lb lots)

Copper, ft. allowed	
Cast, oval, 15 in. or longer	40½
Electrodeposited	34½
Rolled, oval, straight, delivered	37.34
Rolled, oval, 18 in. or longer	35½
Ball anodes	30½
Brass, 80-20, frt. allowed	
Cast, oval, 15 in. or longer	35½
Zinc, cast, 99.99	20.50
Nickel 99 pct plus, frt. allowed	
Cast	59.00
Rolled, depolarized	60.00
Cadmium	\$2.00
Silver 999 fine	
Rolled, 100 oz lots per troy oz.	67½

#### Chemicals

(Cents per lb, f.o.b. shipping point)

Copper cyanide, 100 lb drum	46.00
Copper sulfate, 99.5, crystals, bbls.	12.50
Nickel salts, single or double, 425 lb bbls, frt. allowed	18.00
Nickel chloride, 300 lb bbl	24.50
Silver cyanide, 100 oz lots, per oz.	54.00
Sodium cyanide, 96 pct domestic, 100 lb drums	16.00
Zinc cyanide, 10 lb drums	37.00
Zinc sulfate, 89 pct, granules, bbls, frt. allowed	7.90

### Mill Products

#### Aluminum

(Base prices, cents per pound, base 30,000 lb, f.o.b. shipping point, freight allowed.)

Flat Sheet: 0.188 in., 2S, 3S, 25.7¢; 4S, 61S-O, 27.8¢; 52S, 29.9¢; 24S-O, 24S-OAL, 28.8¢; 75S-O, 75S-OAL, 35.3¢. 0.081 in., 2S, 3S, 26.8¢; 4S, 61S-O, 29.2¢; 52S, 31.3¢; 24S-O, 24S-OAL, 29.9¢; 75S-O, 75S-OAL, 37.0¢. 0.032 in., 2S, 3S, 28.5¢; 4S, 61S-O, 32.5¢; 52S, 35.2¢; 24S-O, 24S-OAL, 36.9¢; 75S-O, 75S-OAL, 46.6¢.	
Plate: ¼ in. and heavier; 2S, 3S, 22.8¢; 4S-F, 25.0¢; 52S, 26.1¢; 61S-O, 25.6¢; 24S-F, 24S-FAL, 26.1¢; 75S, 75S-AL, 32.9¢.	
Extruded Solid Shapes: Shape factors 1 to 4; 3½ to 59¢; 11 to 13, 31.9¢ to 69¢; 23 to 25, 33.4¢ to 90¢; 35 to 37, 40.8¢ to \$1.25; 47 to 49, 58.7¢ to \$1.84.	
Extruded Round Rod, Square, Hex, Octagonal Bar: ¼ in. and over, 27¢ to 38¢; ½ to ¾ in., 28¢ to 40.5¢; ¾ to 1½ in., 29¢ to 43¢; 1½ to 2 in., 30¢ to 46.5¢; 2 to 3 in., 32.5¢ to 53.5¢; 3 to 4 in., 35.5¢ to 62¢.	
Rolled Rod: 1.064 to 4.5 in., 2S, 3S, 33¢ to 29.5¢; Cold-finished rod, 0.375 to 3.5 in., 2S, 3S, 35.5¢ to 31¢.	
Screw Machine Stock: Drawn, ¼ to 1½ in., 11S-T3, R317-T4, 48¢ to 34¢; cold-finished, ¾ to 1½ in., 11S-T3, 37.5¢ to 34.5¢; ¾ to 2 in., R317-T4, 33¢ to 30¢; rolled, 1½ to 3 in., 11S-T3, 34.5¢ to 31.5¢; 2½ to 3½ in., R317-T4, 29.5¢ to 28.5¢. Base 5000 lb.	
Drawn Wire: coiled, 0.051 to 0.874 in.; 2S, 35¢ to 25.5¢; 52S, 43¢ to 31¢; 66S, 45.5¢ to 37¢; 17S-T4, 49¢ to 33.5¢; 61S-T4, 43.5¢ to 33¢; 75S-T6, 75¢ to 54¢.	

#### Magnesium

(Cents per lb, f.o.b. mill, freight allowed. Base quantity 30,000 lb.)

Sheet and Plate: Ma. F.S. ¼ in., 54¢-56¢; 0.188 in., 56¢-58¢; B & S gage 8, 58¢-60¢; 10, 59¢-61¢; 12, 63¢-65¢; 14, 69¢-74¢; 16, 76¢-81¢; 18, 84¢-89¢; 20, 96¢-1.01¢; 22, \$1.22-\$1.81; 24, \$1.62-\$1.75. Specification grade higher.	
Extruded Round Rod: M, diam. in., ¼ to 0.311, 58¢; ½ to ¾, 46¢; 1½ to 1.740, 48¢; 2½ to 5, 41¢. Other alloys higher.	
Extruded Square, Hex. Bar: M, size across flats, in., ¼ to 0.311, 61¢; ½ to 0.749, 48¢; 1½ to 1.740, 44¢; 2½ to 4, 42¢. Other alloys higher.	
Extruded Solid Shapes, Rectangles: M, in weight per ft, for perimeters of less than size indicated, 0.10 to 0.11 lb. per ft, per. up to 3.5 in., 55¢; 0.22 to 0.25 lb per ft, per. up to 5.9 in., 51¢; 0.50 to 0.59 lb per ft, per. up to 8.6 in., 47¢; 1.8 to 2.59 lb per ft, per. up to 19.5 in., 44¢; 4 to 6 lb per ft, per. up to 23 in., 43¢. Other alloys higher.	
Extruded Round Tubing: M, wall thickness, outside diam, in., 0.049 to 0.057, ¾ to 1½, \$1.14; ¾ to 1½, \$1.02; ½ to ¾, 76¢; 1 to 2 in., 65¢. 0.065 to 0.082, ¾ to 1½, 85¢; ¾ to 1½, 62¢; 1 to 2 in., 67¢. 0.165 to 0.219, ¾ to 1½, 54.5¢; 1 to 2 in., 53¢; 3 to 4 in., 49¢. Other alloys higher.	

### Nickel and Monel

(Cents per lb, f.o.b. mill)

	Nickel	Monel
Sheets, cold-rolled	60	47
Strip, cold-rolled	66	50
Rods and shapes		
Hot-rolled	56	45
Cold-drawn	56	45
Angles, hot-rolled	56	45
Plates	58	46
Seamless tubes	89	80
Shot and blocks		40

### Copper, Brass, Bronze

(Cents per pound, freight prepaid on 200 lb)

	Extruded Shapes	Rods	Sheets
Copper	36.78		37.18
Copper, hot-rolled		33.28	
Copper, drawn		34.28	
Low brass	38.07*	34.85	35.16
Yellow brass	36.76*	33.44	33.75
Red brass	38.55*	35.33	35.64
Naval brass	33.92	32.67	33.61
Leaded brass		23.30	
Commercial bronze	39.29*	36.32	36.63
Manganese bronze	37.51	36.01	42.11
Phosphor bronze, 5 pct	57.80*	56.30	56.05
Muntz metal	33.47	32.22	36.66
Everdur, Herculoy, Olympic, etc.	40.43	40.67	41.73
Nickel silver, 10 pct		46.42	44.20
Architectural bronze			32.33
* Seamless tubing.			

### Scrap Metals

#### Brass Mill Scrap

(Cents per pound; add 1¢ per lb for shipments of 15,000 lb or more.)

Copper	21½
Yellow brass	18
Red brass	19½
Commercial bronze	19½
Manganese bronze	17½
Leaded brass rod ends	17½

#### Custom Smelters' Scrap

(Cents per pound, carload lots, delivered to refinery.)

No. 1 copper wire	20.25-20.50
No. 2 copper wire	19.25
Light copper	18.25
Refinery brass	18.00-18.25*

\* Dry copper content.

#### Ingot Makers' Scrap

(Cents per pound, carload lots, delivered to producer.)

No. 1 copper, wire	19.25
No. 2 copper, wire	18.25
Light copper	17.25
No. 1 composition	16.50
No. 1 comp. turnings	16.25
Rolled brass	12.75
Brass pipe	12.50
Radiators	12.75
Heavy yellow brass	12.00

#### Aluminum

Mixed old cast	11.50
Mixed old clips	11.50
Mixed turnings, dry	11.00
Pots and pans	12.00
Low copper	12.50

#### Dealers' Scrap

(Dealers' buying prices, f.o.b. New York in cents per pound.)

#### Copper and Brass

No. 1 heavy copper and wire	18	18½
No. 2 heavy copper and wire	17	17½
Light copper	16	16½
Auto radiators (unsweated)	11½	11½
No. 1 composition	13½	14
No. 1 composition turnings	13½	13½
Clean red car boxes	10½	10½
Cocks and faucets	10½	10½
Mixed heavy yellow brass	8½	9½
Old rolled brass	10½	10½
Brass pipe	10½	11
New soft brass clippings	13½	14
Brass rod ends	11	11½
No. 1 brass rod turnings	10½	10½

#### Aluminum

Alum. pistons and struts	8	8½
Aluminum crankcases	10½	11
2S aluminum clippings	12	12½
Old sheet & utensils	10½	11
Borings and turnings	5	5½
Misc. cast aluminum	10½	11
Dural clips (24S)	10½	11

#### Zinc

New zinc clippings	10	10½
Old zinc	7½	8½
Zinc routings	4	4½
Old die cast scrap	4½	5

#### Nickel and Monel

Pure nickel clippings	19	20
Clean nickel turnings	15	16
Nickel anodes	18	19
Nickel rod ends	19	20
New Monel clippings	14	15
Clean Monel turnings	10	11
Old sheet Monel	12	12½
Old Monel castings	10	11
Inconel clippings	10	11
Nickel silver clippings, mixed	8	8½
Nickel silver turnings, mixed	6½	7

#### Lead

Soft scrap lead	17	17½
Battery plates (dry)	11	11½

#### Magnesium Alloys

Segregated solids	8	9
Castings	4½	5½

#### Miscellaneous

Block tin	81	83
No. 1 pewter	65	67
No. 1 auto babbitt	51	53
Mixed common babbitt	14½	15½
Solder joints	19½	20½
Siphon tops	50	52
Small foundry type	20	20½
Monotype	19	19½
Lino. and stereotype	18½	17
Electrotype	15	15½
New type shell cuttings	6½	7
Hand picked type shells	9½	10
Lino and stereo dross	6½	7
Electro dress	6½	7



# Comparison of Prices . .

Price advances over previous week are printed in Heavy Type; declines appear in *Italics*.

Steel prices on this page are the average of various f.o.b. quotations of major producing areas: Pittsburgh, Chicago, Gary, Cleveland, Youngstown.

Flat-Rolled Steel:	Aug. 24, 1948	Aug. 17, 1948	July 27, 1948	Aug. 26, 1947
(cents per pound)	1948	1948	1948	1947
Hot-rolled sheets	3.26	3.26	3.26	2.80
Cold-rolled sheets	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.55
Galvanized sheets (10 ga)	4.40	4.40	4.40	3.95
Hot-rolled strip	3.265	3.265	3.265	2.80
Cold-rolled strip	4.063	4.063	4.063	3.55
Plates	3.425	3.425	3.425	2.95
Plates wrought iron	7.85	7.85	7.25	6.85
Stain's C-R strip (No. 302)	33.25	33.25	30.50	30.50

Tin and Terneplate:	Aug. 24, 1948	Aug. 17, 1948	July 27, 1948	Aug. 26, 1947
(dollars per base box)				
Tinplate (1.50 lb) cokes	\$6.80	\$6.80	\$6.80	\$5.75
Tinplate, electro (0.50 lb)	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.05
Special coated mfg. ternes	5.90	5.90	5.90	4.90

Bars and Shapes:	Aug. 24, 1948	Aug. 17, 1948	July 27, 1948	Aug. 26, 1947
(cents per pound)				
Merchant bars	3.37	3.37	3.375	2.90
Cold-finished bars	3.995	3.995	3.994	3.55
Alloy bars	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.30
Structural shapes	3.25	3.25	3.25	2.80
Stainless bars (No. 302)	28.25	28.25	26.00	26.00
Wrought iron bars	9.50	9.50	8.65	7.15

Wire:	Aug. 24, 1948	Aug. 17, 1948	July 27, 1948	Aug. 26, 1947
(cents per pound)				
Bright wire	4.344	4.344	4.344	3.55

Rails:	Aug. 24, 1948	Aug. 17, 1948	July 27, 1948	Aug. 26, 1947
(dollars per 100 lb)				
Heavy rails	\$3.20	\$3.20	\$3.217	\$2.75
Light rails	3.55	3.55	3.575	3.10

Semifinished Steel:	Aug. 24, 1948	Aug. 17, 1948	July 27, 1948	Aug. 26, 1947
(dollars per net ton)				
Rerolling billets	\$52.00	\$52.00	\$52.00	\$45.00†
Slabs, rerolling	52.00	52.00	52.00	45.00†
Forging billets	61.00	61.00	61.00	55.00†
Alloy blooms, billets, slabs	63.00	63.00	63.00	66.00†

Wire rod and Skelp:	Aug. 24, 1948	Aug. 17, 1948	July 27, 1948	Aug. 26, 1947
(cents per pound)				
Wire rods	3.619	3.619	3.619	2.80
Skelp	3.25	3.25	3.25	2.60

† Gross ton

Pig Iron:	Aug. 24, 1948	Aug. 17, 1948	July 27, 1948	Aug. 26, 1947
(per gross ton)				
No. 2, foundry, Phila.	\$49.26	\$49.26	\$46.76	\$41.22
No. 2, Valley furnace	43.50	43.50	43.50	36.50
No. 2, Southern Cinti.	48.14	48.14	48.14	39.75
No. 2, Birmingham	43.38	43.38	43.38	34.88
No. 2, foundry, Chicago†	43.00	43.00	43.00	36.00
Basic del'd Philadelphia	48.76	48.76	46.25	40.72
Basic, Valley furnace	43.00	43.00	43.00	36.00
Malleable, Chicago†	43.50	43.50	43.50	36.50
Malleable, Valley	43.50	43.50	43.50	36.50
Charcoal, Chicago	69.55	69.55	69.55	49.49
Ferromanganese†	145.00	145.00	145.00	135.00

† The switching charge for delivery to foundries in the Chicago district is \$1 per ton.  
‡ For carlots at seaboard.

\* Revised

Scrap:	Aug. 24, 1948	Aug. 17, 1948	July 27, 1948	Aug. 26, 1947
(per gross ton)				
Heavy melt'g steel, P'gh.	\$42.75	\$42.75	\$42.75	\$37.75
Heavy melt'g steel, Phila.	45.00	45.00	45.00	37.00
Heavy melt'g steel, Ch'go	41.75	41.75	41.75	38.75
No. 1, hy, comp. sh't, Det.	38.00	38.00	38.00	34.50
Low phos. Young'n.	47.75	47.75	47.75	44.50
No. 1, cast, Pittsburgh	65.00	65.00	63.75	42.50
No. 1, cast, Philadelphia	65.50	65.50	65.50	47.00
No. 1, cast, Chicago	74.50	74.50	73.00	47.50

Coke, Connellsville:	Aug. 24, 1948	Aug. 17, 1948	July 27, 1948	Aug. 26, 1947
(per net ton at oven)				
Furnace coke prompt	\$13.50	\$13.50	\$13.75	\$12.00
Foundry coke, prompt	17.00	17.00	16.50	13.75

Nonferrous Metals:	Aug. 24, 1948	Aug. 17, 1948	July 27, 1948	Aug. 26, 1947
(cents per pound to large buyers)				
Copper, electro. Conn.	23.50	23.50	21.50	21.50
Copper, Lake Conn.	23.625	23.625	21.625	21.625
Tin, Grade A, New York	\$1.03	\$1.03	\$1.03	\$0.00
Zinc, East St. Louis	15.00	15.00	12.00	10.50
Lead, St. Louis	19.30	19.30	17.30	14.80
Aluminum, virgin	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.00
Nickel, electrolytic	42.90	42.90	42.90	37.67
Magnesium, ingot	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50
Antimony, Laredo, Tex.	35.00	35.00	35.00	33.00

Starting with the issue of Apr. 22, 1943, the weighted finished steel index was revised for the years 1941, 1942, and 1943. See explanation of the change on p. 90 of the Apr. 22, 1943, issue. Index revised to a quarterly basis as of Nov. 16, 1944; for details see p. 98 of that issue. The finished steel composite price for the current quarter is an estimate based on finished steel shipments for the previous quarter. This figure will be revised when shipments for this quarter are compiled.

## Composite Prices . .

FINISHED STEEL (Base Price)		PIG IRON		SCRAP STEEL	
Aug. 24, 1948	3.75833¢ per lb.	\$44.52	per gross ton	\$43.16	per gross ton
One week ago	3.75833¢ per lb.	\$44.52	per gross ton	\$43.16	per gross ton
One month ago	3.75902¢ per lb.	\$43.72	per gross ton	\$43.16	per gross ton
One year ago	3.18925¢ per lb.	\$37.10	per gross ton	\$37.83	per gross ton

HIGH			LOW			HIGH			LOW			HIGH			LOW		
1948....	3.75902¢	July 27	3.22566¢	Jan. 1	\$44.52	Aug. 17	\$39.58	Jan. 6	\$43.16	July 27	\$39.75	Mar. 9					
1947....	3.19541¢	Oct. 7	2.87118¢	Jan. 7	37.98	Dec. 30	30.14	Jan. 7	42.58	Oct. 28	29.50	May 20					
1946....	2.83599¢	Dec. 31	2.54490¢	Jan. 1	30.14	Dec. 10	25.37	Jan. 1	31.17	Dec. 24	19.17	Jan. 1					
1945....	2.44104¢	Oct. 2	2.38444¢	Jan. 2	25.37	Oct. 23	23.61	Jan. 2	19.17	Jan. 2	18.92	May 22					
1944....	2.30837¢	Sept. 5	2.21189¢	Oct. 5	\$23.61		\$23.61		19.17	Jan. 11	15.76	Oct. 24					
1943....	2.29176¢		2.29176¢		23.61		23.61		\$19.17		\$19.17						
1942....	2.28249¢		2.28249¢		23.61		23.61		19.17		19.17						
1941....	2.43078¢		2.43078¢		\$23.61	Mar. 20	\$23.45	Jan. 2	\$22.00	Jan. 7	\$19.17	Apr. 10					
1940....	2.30467¢	Jan. 2	2.24107¢	Apr. 16	23.45	Dec. 23	22.61	Jan. 2	21.83	Dec. 30	16.04	Apr. 9					
1939....	2.35367¢	Jan. 3	2.26689¢	May 16	22.61	Sept. 19	20.61	Sept. 12	22.50	Oct. 3	14.08	May 16					
1938....	2.58414¢	Jan. 4	2.27207¢	Oct. 18	23.25	June 21	19.61	July 6	15.00	Nov. 22	11.00	June 7					
1937....	2.58414¢	Mar. 9	2.32263¢	Jan. 4	23.25	Mar. 9	20.25	Feb. 16	21.92	Mar. 30	12.67	June 9					
1936....	2.32263¢	Dec. 28	2.05200¢	Mar. 10	19.74	Nov. 24	18.73	Aug. 11	17.75	Dec. 21	12.67	June 8					
1935....	2.07642¢	Oct. 1	2.06492¢	Jan. 8	18.84	Nov. 5	17.83	May 14	13.42	Dec. 10	10.33	Apr. 29					
1934....	2.15367¢	Apr. 24	1.95757¢	Jan. 2	17.90	May 1	16.90	Jan. 27	13.00	Mar. 13	9.50	Sept. 25					
1933....	1.95578¢	Oct. 3	1.75836¢	May 2	16.90	Dec. 5	13.56	Jan. 3	12.25	Aug. 8	6.75	Jan. 3					
1932....	1.89196¢	July 5	1.83901¢	Mar. 1	14.81	Jan. 5	13.56	Dec. 6	8.50	Jan. 12	6.43	July 5					
1931....	1.99626¢	Jan. 13	1.86586¢	Dec. 29	15.90	Jan. 6	14.79	Dec. 15	11.33	Jan. 6	8.50	Dec. 29					
1930....	2.25488¢	Jan. 7	1.97319¢	Dec. 9	18.21	Jan. 7	15.90	Dec. 16	15.00	Feb. 18	11.25	Dec. 9					
1929....	2.31773¢	May 28	2.26498¢	Oct. 29	18.71	May 14	18.21	Dec. 17	17.58	Jan. 29	14.08	Dec. 8					

Weighted index based on steel bars, shapes, plates, wire, rails, black pipe, hot and cold-rolled sheets and strip, representing major portion of finished steel shipments. Index recapitulated in Aug. 28, 1941, issue.

Based on averages for basic iron at valley furnaces and foundry iron at Chicago, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Valley and Birmingham.

Based on No. 1 heavy melting steel scrap quotations to consumers at Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Chicago.



# Iron and Steel Prices . . .

Steel prices shown here are f.o.b. producing points in cents per pound unless otherwise indicated. Extras apply. (1) Commercial quality sheet grade; prices, 0.25¢ above base. (2) Commercial quality grade. (3) Widths up to 12-in. inclusive. (4) 0.25 carbon and less. (5) Cokes, 1.25 lb. deduct 20¢ per base box. (6) 18 gage and heavier. (7) For straight length material only from producers to fabricators. (8) Also shafting. For quantities of 40,000 lb and over. (9) Carload lot in manufacturing trade. (10) Hollowware enameling, gages 29 to 31 only. (11) Produced to dimensional tolerances in AISI Manual Sec. 6. (12) Slab prices subject to negotiation in most cases. (13) San Francisco only. (14) Los Angeles only. (15) San Francisco and Los Angeles only. (16) Seattle only. (17) Seattle and Los Angeles only.

PRODUCTS	Base prices at producing points apply to the sizes and grades produced in these areas.															
	Pitts- burgh	Chicago	Gary	Cleve- land	Birm- ingham	Buffalo	Youngs- town	Spar- rows Point	Granite City	Middle- town, Ohio		Detroit	Johns- town	Seattle, S. Frisco, Los Angeles	Fontana	
INGOTS Carbon forging	\$50.00															
Alloy	\$51.00							(pc. net ton)								
BILLETS, BLOOMS, SLABS Carbon, rerolling <sup>12</sup>	\$52.00				\$52.00	\$52.00		(per net ton)					\$52.00			
Carbon forging billets	\$61.00	\$61.00	\$61.00	\$61.00	\$61.00	\$61.00		(per net ton)					\$61.00			
Alloy	\$63.00	\$63.00				63.00		Bethlehem, Canton, Massillon = \$63.00 (per net ton)								
PIPE SKELP	3.25						3.25				Warren = 3.25					
WIRE RODS	3.40 to 4.15	3.40 to 3.90		3.40	3.40		3.65	3.40			Worcester 3.70		3.40	4.05 <sup>13</sup> 4.10 <sup>14</sup>		
SHEETS Hot-rolled <sup>1</sup>	3.25 to 3.30	3.25	3.25	3.25- 3.30	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25			Warren, Ashland = 3.25	3.45		3.95 <sup>13</sup>	5.65	
Cold-rolled <sup>1</sup>	4.00	4.00 to 4.25	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	.00	4.00	4.20	4.00	Warren 4.00	4.20				
Galvanized 10 gage	4.40	4.40	4.40		4.40				Canton = 4.40	4.40	Ashland = 4.40			5.15 <sup>13</sup>		
Enameling 12 gage	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40			4.40		4.60	4.40		4.70				
Long ternes <sup>1</sup> 10 gage	4.80		4.80							4.80						
STRIP Hot-rolled <sup>1</sup>	3.25 to 3.30	3.25 to 3.30	3.25	3.25 to 3.30	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25		3.25	Warren = 3.25	3.45		4.00 to 4.25	5.90	
Cold-rolled <sup>1</sup>	4.00	4.25		4.00	4.60	4.00	4.00	4.00			New Haven, 4.00 Warren = 4.00 to 4.25	4.20 to 4.50			7.10	
TIN PLATE Cokes, 1.50 lb. <sup>12</sup> base box	6.80	6.80	6.80		6.90			6.90	6.90		Warren, Ohio = \$6.80)					
Electrolytic 0.25, 0.50, 0.75 lb. box	Deduct \$1.00, 80¢ and 60¢ respectively from 1.50 lb coke base box price															
TERNES MFG., special coated	Deduct 90¢ from 1.50 lb coke base box price															
BLACKPLATE CANMAKING 55-70 lb, 75-95 lb, 100-128 lb	Deduct \$1.60, \$1.70 and \$1.80 respectively from 1.50 lb coke base box price.															
BLACKPLATE, h.e., 29 ga. <sup>13</sup>	4.75	4.75	4.75					4.85								
BARS Carbon Steel	3.35 to 3.55	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35		3.35	Canton = 3.35		3.35	4.05 to 4.10	5.30	
Reinforcing billet <sup>1</sup>	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35			Canton = 3.35		3.35	4.05 to 4.10	5.30	
Cold-finished <sup>1</sup>	3.95 to 4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00			4.00					4.30				
Alloy, hot-rolled	3.75	3.75	3.75			3.75	3.75		Bethlehem, Canton, Massillon = 3.75				3.75	4.80 <sup>14</sup>	5.50	
Alloy, cold-drawn									Massillon = 4.65							
PLATE Carbon steel <sup>11</sup>	3.40 to 3.60	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.45	3.40		Coatesville = 3.75, Claymont = 3.95 Geneva, Utah = 3.40, Harrisburg — 5.85			3.65	3.45	4.20 <sup>16</sup>	5.80	
Floor plates	4.55	4.55		4.55												
Alloy	4.40	4.40							Coatesville = 5.10							
SHAFES, Structural	3.25	3.25	3.25		3.25	3.30			Bethlehem = 3.30, Geneva, Utah = 3.25				3.30	3.85 to 4.30	5.75	
MANUFACTURERS' WIRE <sup>1</sup> Bright	4.15 to 4.50	4.15 to 4.65		4.15	4.15		4.50	4.25	Duluth = 4.15 Worcester = 4.45				4.15	5.10 <sup>15</sup>		
Spring (high carbon)	5.20	5.20		5.20				5.30	Worcester = 5.50 New Haven, Trenton = 5.50				5.20	Duluth = 5.20-6.15		
PILING, Steel sheet	4.05	4.05				4.05										

# PRICES

## CORROSION AND HEAT RESISTANT STEELS

In cents per pound, f.o.b. producing point

Product	Chromium Nickel			Straight Chromium		
	No. 304	No. 302	No. 410	No. 430	No. 442	No. 446
Billets, forging	25.25—27.75	24.75—24.50	19.25—21.50	19.25—21.75	23.00	28.00—30.25
Bars, hot-rolled	29.25—30.00	28.50	22.50—23.00	23.00—23.50	27.00	33.00—32.50
Bars, cold-finished	29.25—30.00	28.50	22.50—23.00	23.00—23.50	27.00	33.00—32.50
Plates	34.75—34.00	32.50—32.00	25.75—26.00	26.50	30.75	36.25—35.50
Shapes, structural	29.25—30.00	28.50	22.50—23.00	23.00—23.50	27.00	33.00—32.50
Sheets	43.00—39.50	40.75—37.50	32.00—33.00	34.75—35.50	39.00	43.50—50.00
Strip, hot-rolled	28.00—27.75	25.75	20.25—21.25	21.00—21.75	28.50	41.75—45.00
Strip, cold-rolled	35.75—35.00	33.50—33.00	26.50—27.00	27.00—27.50	38.50	62.25—60.00
Wire, cold-drawn	29.25—30.00	28.50	22.50—23.00	23.00—23.50	27.00	33.00—32.50
Wire, flat, cold-rolled	35.75	33.25	26.25	26.75	38.25	62.00
Rod, hot-rolled	29.75	28.50	22.00	22.50	26.75	31.75
Tubing, seamless	79.25	79.25		75.25		

## ELECTRODES

Cents per lb, f.o.b. plant, threaded electrodes with nipples, unboxed

Diameter in in.	Length in in.	
<b>Graphite</b>		
17, 18, 20	60, 72	14.00¢
8 to 16	48, 60, 72	14.50¢
7	48, 60	15.75¢
6	48, 60	17.00¢
4, 5	40	17.50¢
3	40	18.50¢
2 1/2	24, 30	19.00¢
2	24, 30	21.00¢
<b>Carbon</b>		
40	100, 110	6.75¢
35	65, 110	6.75¢
30	65, 84, 110	6.75¢
24	72 to 104	6.75¢
17 to 30	84, 90	6.75¢
14	60, 72	7.25¢
10, 12	60	7.50¢
8	60	7.75¢

## TOOL STEEL

F.o.b. mill

	Cr.	V	Mo	Co	Base per lb
1	4	1	—	—	90.5¢
2	4	1	—	5	\$1.42
3	4	2	—	—	\$1.025
4	4	1.5	8	—	65¢
5	4	2	6	—	69.5¢
High-carbon-chromium					52¢
Oil harden manganese					29¢
Special carbon					26.5¢
Extra carbon					22¢
Regular carbon					19¢
Warehouse prices on and east of Mississippi are 2 1/2¢ per lb higher. West of Mississippi, 4 1/2¢ higher.					

## C-R SPRING STEEL

Base per pound f.o.b. mill

0.26 to 0.40 carbon	4.00¢
0.41 to 0.60 carbon	5.50¢
0.61 to 0.80 carbon	6.10¢
0.81 to 1.05 carbon	8.05¢
1.06 to 1.35 carbon	10.35¢
Worcester, add 0.30¢	

## CLAD STEEL

Base prices, cents per pound

Stainless clad	Plate	Sheet
No. 304, 20 pct, f.o.b. Coatesville, Pa.	27.00	
Nickel-clad 10 pct f.o.b. Coatesville, Pa.	27.50	
Inconel-clad 10 pct, f.o.b. Coatesville, Pa.	36.00	
Monel-clad 10 pct, f.o.b. Coatesville, Pa.	29.00	
Aluminized steel Hot dip, 20 gage, f.o.b. Pittsburgh	7.75	

## MERCHANT WIRE PRODUCTS

To the dealer, f.o.b. mill

	Base Column	Pittsburg, Calif.
Standard & coated nails*	103	123
Galvanized nails*	103	123
Woven wire fence†	109	182
Fence posts, carloadst†	114	...
Single loop bale ties...	106	130
Galvanized barbed wire**	123	143
Twisted barless wire...	123	...

\* Pgh., Chi., Duluth; Worcester, 6 columns higher. † 15 1/2 gage and heavier. \*\* On 80 rod spools, in carloads. †† Duluth only.

	Base per 100 lb	Pittsburg, Calif.
Annealed fence wire†	\$4.80	\$5.75
Annealed, galv. fencing†	5.25	6.20
Cut nails, carloadst	6.75	...

† Add 30¢ at Worcester; 10¢ at Sparrows Pt. (less 20¢ to jobbers).

## ELECTRICAL SHEETS

Base all grades f.o.b. mill

	Cents per lb
Armature	5.45
Electrical	5.95 to 6.15
Motor	6.90 to 7.30
Dynamo	7.50 to 7.90
Transformer 72	8.05 to 8.90
Transformer 65	8.60 to 9.60
Transformer 58	9.30 to 10.30
Transformer 52	10.10

## RAILS, TRACK SUPPLIES

F.o.b. mill

Standard rails, 100 lb and heavier, No. 1 O.H., per 100 lb	\$3.20
Joint bars, 100 lb	4.25
Light rails (from billets) per 100 lb	3.55

Base per lb

Cut spikes	5.35¢
Screw spikes	8.00¢
Tie plate, steel	4.05¢
Tie plates, Pittsburg, Calif.*	4.20¢
Track bolts	7.50¢
Track bolts, heat treated, to railroads	8.50¢
*Seattle, add 30¢.	

## HIGH STRENGTH, LOW ALLOY STEELS

mill prices, cents per pound

Steel	Aldacer	Corten	Double Strength No. 1	Dynalloy	Hi Steel	Mayari R	Olecoley	Yeloy	NAX High Tensile
Producer	Repub-lic	Carnegie-Illinois, Republic	Repub-lic	Alan Wood	Inland	Bethlehem	Jones & Laughlin	Youngstown Sheet & Tube	Great Lakes Steel
Plates	5.20	5.20	5.20	5.30	5.20	5.20	5.20	5.20	5.86
Sheets									
Hot-rolled	4.95	4.95	4.95	5.25	4.95	4.95	4.95	4.95	5.25
Cold-rolled	8.05	8.05	8.05	...	8.05	8.05	8.05	8.05	8.35
Galvanized		8.75				8.75			
Strip									
Hot-rolled	4.95	4.95	4.95	...	4.95	4.95	4.95	4.95	5.25
Cold-rolled			8.05	...		8.05	8.05		8.35
Shapes		4.95			4.95	4.95	4.95		
Beams		4.95							
Bars									
Hot-rolled	5.10	5.10	5.10	...	5.10	5.10	5.10		5.40
Bar shapes		5.10			5.10	5.10	5.10		

† Pittsburgh, add 0.10¢ at Chicago and Gary.

# PRICES

## PIPE AND TUBING

Base discounts, f.o.b. mills,  
steel butt-weld and seamless.  
Base price, \$200.00 per net ton.

### Standard, threaded and coupled

Steel, butt-weld*	Black	Galv.
¾-in. ....	46	29½
1-in. ....	48½	32½
1½-in. ....	49	33
2-in. ....	49½	33½
2½ and 3-in. ....	50	34
2½ and 3-in. ....	50½	34½

### Wrought Iron, butt-weld

¾-in. ....	+20½	+46
1-in. ....	+10½	+35
1 and 1½-in. ....	+4½	+26
2-in. ....	+1½	+22½
2½-in. ....	+2	+22

### Steel, lap-weld

2-in. ....	39½	23
2½ and 3-in. ....	43½	27
3½ to 6-in. ....	45½	29

### Steel, seamless

2-in. ....	38½	22
2½ and 3-in. ....	41½	25
3½ to 6-in. ....	43½	27

### Wrought Iron, lap-weld

2-in. ....	+7½	+30
2½ to 3½-in. ....	+5	+25½
4-in. ....	+11	+19½
4½ to 8-in. ....	+2	+21

### Extra-Strong, plain ends

Steel, butt-weld		
¾-in. ....	41	25
1-in. ....	45	29
1½-in. ....	47	32
2-in. ....	47½	32½
2½-in. ....	48	33
3-in. ....	48½	33½
3½ and 4-in. ....	49	34

### Wrought Iron, butt-weld

¾-in. ....	+16	+40
1-in. ....	+9½	+33
1 to 2 in. ....	+1½	+22

### Steel, lap-weld

2-in. ....	38½	23
2½ and 3-in. ....	43½	28
3½ to 6-in. ....	45½	29

### Steel, seamless

2-in. ....	37½	22
2½ and 3-in. ....	41½	26
3½ to 6-in. ....	45	29½

### Wrought Iron, lap-weld

2-in. ....	+4½	+26½
2½ to 4-in. ....	+5	+15
4½ to 6-in. ....	+1	+19½

Basing discounts for standard pipe are for threads and couplings. For threads only, butt-weld, lap-weld and seamless pipe, one point higher discount (lower price) applies. For plain ends, butt-weld, lap-weld and seamless pipe 3-in. and smaller, three points higher discount (lower price) applies, while for lap-weld and seamless 3½-in. and larger four points higher discount (lower price) applies. F.o.b. Gary prices are one point lower discount on all butt-weld. On butt-weld and lap-weld steel pipe, jobbers are granted a discount of 5 pct. On l.c.l. shipments, prices are determined by adding 25 pct and 30 pct and the carload freight rate to the base card.

\*F.o.b. Fontana prices average 17 points lower discount (higher price).

## BOILER TUBES

Seamless steel and electric welded commercial boiler tubes and locomotive tubes, minimum wall. Prices per 100 ft. at mill in carload lots, cut length 4 to 24 ft. inclusive.

OD	Gage	Seamless		Electric Weld	
in in.	BWG	H.R.	C.R.	H.R.	C.D.
2	13	19.18	22.56	18.60	21.89
2½	12	25.79	30.33	25.02	29.41
3	12	28.68	33.76	27.82	32.74
3½	11	35.85	42.20	34.78	40.94
4	10	44.51	52.35	43.17	50.78

## CAST IRON WATER PIPE

	Per net ton
6 to 24-in., del'd Chicago.....	\$106.70
6 to 24-in., del'd N. Y. ....	103.50 to 108.40
6 to 24-in., Birmingham.....	93.50
6-in. and larger, f.o.b. cars, San Francisco, Los Angeles, for all rail shipment; rail and water shipment less.....	120.30
Class "A" and gas pipe, \$5 extra; 4-in. pipe is \$5 a ton above 6-in.	

## BOLTS, NUTS, RIVETS, SET SCREWS

### Consumer Prices

(Bolts and nuts f.o.b. mill Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Birmingham or Chicago)

Base discount less case lots

### Machine and Carriage Bolts

	Percent Off List
¾ in. & smaller x 6 in. & shorter..	35
9/16 & ¾ in. x 6 in. & shorter.....	37
¾ in. & larger x 6 in. & shorter....	34
All diam, longer than 6 in.....	30
Lag, all diam over 6 in. longer.....	35
Lag, all diam x 6 in & shorter.....	37
Plow bolts .....	47

### Nuts, Cold Punched or Hot Pressed

(Hexagon or Square)

¾ in. and smaller.....	35
9/16 to 1 in. inclusive.....	34
1¼ to 1½ in. inclusive.....	32
1½ in. and larger.....	27

On above bolts and nuts, excepting plow bolts, additional allowance of 15 pct for full container quantities. There is an additional 5 pct allowance for carload shipments.

### Semifin. Hexagon Nuts

	TRA	SAE
7/16 in. and smaller .....	41	
¾ in. and smaller.....	38	
¾ in. through 1 in. ....	39	
9/16 in. through 1 in. ....	37	
1¼ in. through 1½ in. ....	35	37
1½ in. and larger .....	28	

In full case lots, 15 pct additional discount.

### Store Bolts

Packages, nuts separate.....	61.75
In bulk .....	70.00

### Large Rivets

(½ in. and larger)

	Base per 100 lb
F.o.b. Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Chicago, Birmingham .....	\$6.75
F.o.b. Lebanon, Pa. ....	6.75

### Small Rivets

(7/16 in. and smaller)

	Percent Off List
F.o.b. Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Chicago, Birmingham .....	48

### Can and Set Screws

(In packages)

	Percent Off List
Hexagon head cap screws, coarse or fine thread, up to and incl. 1 in. x 6 in., SAE 1020, bright.....	46
¾ to 1 in. x 6 in., SAE (1035), heat treated .....	35
Set screws, oval points .....	19
Milled studs .....	5
Flat head cap screws, listed sizes....	28
Fillister head cap, listed sizes.....	28

## FLUORSPAR

Metallurgical grade, f.o.b. producing plant.

Effective CaF <sub>2</sub> Content:	Base price per short ton
70% or more .....	\$35.00
65% but less than 70%.....	34.00
60% but less than 65%.....	33.00
Less than 60% .....	32.00

## LAKE SUPERIOR ORES

(51.50% Fe, Natural Content, Delivered Lower Lake Ports)

	Per Gross Ton
Old range, bessemer .....	\$6.60
Old range, nonbessemer .....	6.45
Mesabi, bessemer .....	6.35
Mesabi, nonbessemer .....	6.20
High phosphorus .....	6.20

Increases or decreases in freight rates, dock handling charges and taxes after Apr. 1, 1948, are to be added to above prices.

## METAL POWDER

Per pound, f.o.b. shipping point, in ton lots, for minus 100 mesh.

Swedish sponge iron c.i.f. New York, ocean bags.....	7.9¢ to 8.4¢
Domestic sponge iron, 98+ % Fe .....	9.5¢ to 16.4¢
Electrolytic iron, annealed, 99.5+ % Fe .....	19.5¢ to 29.5¢
Electrolytic iron, unannealed, minus 325 mesh, 99+ % Fe .....	44.0¢
Hydrogen reduced iron, minus 300 mesh, 98+ % Fe.....	63.0¢ to 80.4¢
Carbonyl iron, minus 300 mesh, 98%, 99.8+ % Fe.....	90.0¢ to \$1.75
Aluminum .....	24.0¢
Antimony .....	47.4¢
Brass .....	27.25 to 37.25¢
Copper, electrolytic .....	33.625¢
Copper, reduced .....	33.75¢
Cadmium .....	\$2.15
Chromium, electrolytic, 99% min. ....	\$3.50
Lead .....	26.0¢
Manganese .....	50.0¢
Molybdenum, 99% .....	\$2.00
Nickel, unannealed .....	97.0¢
Nickel, spherical, minus 30 Mesh, unannealed .....	61.0¢
Silicon .....	29.6¢
Solder powder .....	8.5¢ plus metal cost
Stainless steel, 302.....	75.0¢
Tin .....	\$1.15
Tungsten, 95%, 99%.....	\$2.50

## COKE

Furnace, beehive (f.o.b. oven)	Net Ton
Connellsville, Pa. ....	\$12.50 to \$14.50
Foundry, beehive (f.o.b. oven)	
Connellsville, Pa. ....	\$16.00 to \$18.00
Foundry, Byproduct	
Chicago, del'd .....	\$23.90
Chicago, f.o.b. ....	20.85
Detroit, f.o.b. ....	19.40
New England, del'd .....	22.75
Seaboard, N. J., f.o.b. ....	21.50
Philadelphia, f.o.b. ....	20.55
Swedeland, Pa., f.o.b. ....	20.50
Ashland, Ohio, f.o.b. ....	18.25
Painesville, Ohio, f.o.b. ....	20.90
Erie, del'd .....	19.95
Cleveland, del'd .....	22.45
Cincinnati, del'd .....	21.40
St. Louis, del'd .....	20.95
Birmingham, del'd .....	17.86

## REFRACTORIES

(F.o.b. Works)

Fire Clay Brick	Carloads, Per 1000
First quality, Pa., Md., Ky., Mo. (except Salina, Pa., add \$5).....	\$50.00
No. 1 Ohio.....	74.00
Sec. quality, Pa., Md., Ky., Mo.....	74.00
No. 2 Ohio .....	66.00
Ground fire clay, net ton, bulk (except Salina, Pa., add \$1.50).....	11.50

### Silica Brick

Mt. Union, Pa., Ensley, Ala.....	\$80.00
Childs, Pa. ....	84.00
Hays, Pa. ....	85.00
Chicago District .....	89.00
Western, Utah and Calif.....	95.00
Super Duty, Hays, Pa., Athens, Tex. ....	88.00
Silica cement, net ton, bulk, Eastern (except Hays, Pa.).....	\$13.75 to 14.00
Silica cement, net ton, bulk, Hays, Pa. ....	16.00
Silica cement, net ton, bulk, Ensley, Ala. ....	15.00
Silica cement, net ton, bulk, Chicago District .....	\$14.75 to 15.00
Silica cement, net ton, bulk, Utah and Calif. ....	21.00

### Chrome Brick

Standard chemically bonded, Balt., Chester .....

Per Net Ton \$69.00

### Magnesite Brick

Standard, Balt., and Chester.....

Chemically bonded, Balt. and Chester .....

### Grain Magnesite

	Std. ¾-in. grains
Domestic, f.o.b. Balt. and Chester, in bulk, fines removed.....	\$56.50
Domestic, f.o.b. Chewelah, Wash., in bulk with fines.....	\$30.50 to 31.00
in sacks with fines.....	35.00 to 35.50

### Dead Burned Dolomite

F.o.b. producing plants in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio, pet net ton, bulk. Midwest, add 10¢; Missouri Valley, add 20¢.....



# PRICES

## WAREHOUSE PRICES

Base prices, f.o.b. warehouse, per 100 lb.  
(Metropolitan area delivery, add 15¢ to base, except New York, add 20¢)

CITIES	SHEETS			STRIP		PLATES	SHAPES	BARS		ALLOY BARS			
	Hot-Rolled	Cold-Rolled (15 gage)	Galvanized (10 gage)	Hot-Rolled	Cold-Rolled			Standard Structural	Hot-Rolled	Cold-Finished	Hot-Rolled, A 4615 As-rolled	Hot-Rolled, A 4140-50 Ann.	Cold-Drawn, A 4615 As-rolled
Philadelphia	\$5.15-5.71	\$6.31-6.57	\$7.27-7.47	\$5.35-5.66	6.51	\$5.37-5.50	\$5.09-5.20	\$5.35-5.51	\$6.16-6.26	\$9.14	\$9.29	\$10.54	\$10.69
New York	5.40-5.98	6.28-6.43	7.25-7.54	5.58-5.88	6.73	5.78	5.32-5.58	5.53-5.63	6.18-6.38	9.17-9.53	9.32-9.68	10.40-10.77	10.55-10.92
Boston	5.48-5.64	6.39	7.53-7.69	5.54-5.89	6.75-6.79	5.74	5.39-5.54	5.48-5.59	6.24-6.34	9.40-9.44	9.55-9.59	10.84-10.94	10.92-11.09
Baltimore	5.28	6.18	7.15-7.38	5.34	.....	5.53	5.33	5.39	6.13	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chicago	4.85	5.75	6.95-7.05	4.85	6.15	5.10	4.90	4.90	5.70	9.00	9.15	10.40	10.55
Milwaukee	5.02-5.07	5.92	7.12-7.22	5.02-5.37	6.32	5.22-5.27	5.07	5.07	5.87	9.15-9.17	9.32	10.52-10.57	10.67-10.72
Cleveland	4.98-5.20	5.75-6.04	7.18-7.24	5.02-5.65	6.70	5.35-5.54	5.15-5.42	5.15-5.34	5.70-5.95	9.14-9.29	9.29-9.79	10.54	10.69
Buffalo	4.85-5.10	5.75-5.85	7.55-7.70	5.55-5.56	6.35	5.45-5.46	5.10	5.15-5.20	5.90-6.05	9.05-9.35	9.40-9.50	10.75	10.90
Detroit	5.20-5.55	6.15-6.50	7.45	5.25-5.70	6.25-6.55	5.50-5.55	5.30-5.37	5.30-5.52	6.02-6.07	9.31-9.55	9.20-9.47	10.72-10.95	10.87-11.10
Cincinnati	5.14-5.38	5.82-6.21	6.97-7.45	5.25-5.62	.....	5.50-5.71	5.30-5.47	5.30-5.62	6.06-6.17	9.31-9.35	9.50-9.51	10.76-10.76	10.90-10.91
St. Louis	5.19	6.04-6.09	7.29-7.39	5.19-5.79	6.49	5.39-5.44	5.24	5.24	6.04	9.34	9.49	10.74	10.89
Pittsburgh	4.35-4.90	5.75-6.31	6.95-7.05	5.00-5.35	5.95	5.05-5.25	4.90-5.15	4.90-5.10	5.65-5.80	9.00	9.15	10.40	10.55-10.80
St. Paul	5.41	6.31	7.30-7.61	5.41	.....	5.66	5.46	5.46	6.26	9.56	9.71	10.96	11.11
Omaha	5.92	.....	9.18	5.92	.....	6.17	5.97	5.97	6.77	.....	.....	.....	.....
Birmingham	5.05 <sup>11</sup>	6.36	6.45	5.05 <sup>11</sup>	6.38	5.25 <sup>11</sup>	5.00 <sup>11</sup>	5.00 <sup>11</sup>	6.51	.....	.....	.....	.....
Houston	6.40	.....	8.80	6.75	.....	8.35	8.20	6.40	7.60	9.80	9.85	10.75	10.95
Los Angeles	6.30-6.40	7.85-7.90	7.95-8.66	6.60-6.66	9.35 <sup>1</sup>	5.98-6.10	5.75-5.90	6.05	7.85 <sup>15</sup> -7.95	10.35 <sup>15</sup>	10.20 <sup>15</sup>	11.75 <sup>15</sup>	11.95 <sup>15</sup>
San Francisco	5.95 <sup>1</sup>	7.15	7.65	6.40 <sup>1</sup>	.....	6.30	5.90	5.90	7.55	10.35 <sup>15</sup>	10.20 <sup>15</sup>	11.75 <sup>15</sup>	11.95 <sup>15</sup>
Seattle	6.20-6.30	7.75-7.85	7.65-8.00	6.55-6.65	.....	6.20-6.30	6.15-6.25	6.05-6.15	8.00-8.10	.....	10.30 <sup>15</sup> -10.40 <sup>15</sup>	.....	12.00 <sup>15</sup> -12.05 <sup>15</sup>
Salt Lake City	6.15-7.05	.....	8.30-8.45	7.10-7.35	.....	5.75-6.40	6.65-6.80	6.95-7.25	7.55-8.15	.....	.....	.....	.....

## BASE QUANTITIES

Standard unless otherwise keyed on prices.

HOT-ROLLED: Sheets, strip, plates, shapes and bars, 400 to 1999 lb.

COLD-ROLLED: Sheets, 400 to 1999 lb;

strip, extras on all quantities; bars 1000 lb and over.

ALLOY BARS: 1000 to 1999 lb.

GALVANIZED SHEETS: 450 to 1499 lb.

EXCEPTIONS: (1) 400 to 1499 lb; (2) 450 to 1499 lb; (3) 300 to 4999 lb; (4) 300 to

9999 lb; (5) 2000 lb and over; (6) 1000 lb and over; (7) 400 to 14,999 lb; (8) 400 lb and over; (9) 500 to 1999 lb; (10) 500 to 999 lb; (11) 400 to 3999 lb; (12) 450 to 3749 lb; (13) 400 to 1999 lb; (14) 1500 lb and over; (15) 1000 to 4999 lb; (16) 4000 lb and over; (17) up to 1999 lb.

## PIG IRON PRICES

Dollars per gross ton. Delivered prices represent minimums. Delivered prices do not include 3 pct tax on freight.

PRODUCING POINT PRICES						DELIVERED PRICES† (BASE GRADES)							
Producing Point	Basic	No. 2 Foundry	Malleable	Bessemer	Low Phos.	Consuming Point	Producing Point	Freight Rate	Basic	No. 2 Foundry	Malleable	Bessemer	Low Phos.
Bethlehem	44.00	44.50	45.00	45.50	.....	Boston	Everett	\$0.50 Arb.	.....	48.75	49.25	51.77	56.27
Birmingham	42.88	43.38	.....	.....	.....	Boston	Steelton	6.27	50.27	50.77	51.27	51.77	56.27
Buffalo	44.00-48.00*	44.00-46.00*	44.50-46.50*	.....	.....	Brooklyn	Bethlehem	3.90	47.90	48.40	48.90	49.40	.....
Chicago	43.00	43.00	43.50	44.00	.....	Cincinnati	Birmingham	6.09	48.97	49.47	.....	.....	.....
Cleveland	43.00	43.50	43.50	44.00	48.00	Jersey City	Bethlehem	2.39	46.39	46.89	47.39	47.89	.....
Duluth	43.00	43.50	44.00	44.50	.....	Los Angeles	Provo	6.93	49.93	50.43	.....	.....	.....
Erie	42.50	43.00	43.50	44.00	.....	Mansfield	Cleveland-Toledo	3.03	45.53-46.03	46.03-46.53	46.53	47.03	.....
Everett	.....	48.75	49.25	.....	.....	Philadelphia	Bethlehem	2.21	46.21	46.71	47.21	47.71	.....
Granite City	47.90	48.40	48.90	.....	.....	Philadelphia	Swedeland	1.31	51.31	51.81	52.31	52.81	.....
Neville Island	46.00	46.50	46.50	.....	.....	Philadelphia	Steelton	2.81	46.81	47.31	47.81	48.31	52.81
Provo	43.00	43.50	.....	.....	.....	San Francisco	Provo	6.93	49.93	50.43	.....	.....	.....
Sharpsville	43.00	43.50	43.50	44.00	.....	Seattle	Provo	6.93	49.93	50.43	.....	.....	.....
Steelton	44.00	44.50	45.00	45.50	50.00	St. Louis	Granite City	0.75 Arb.	48.65	49.15	49.65	.....	.....
Struthers, Ohio	42.50	.....	.....	.....	.....								
Swedeland	50.00	50.50	51.00	51.50	.....								
Toledo	42.50	43.00	43.50	44.00	50.00								
Troy, N. Y.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....								
Youngstown	43.00	43.50	43.50	44.00	.....								

\* Republic Steel Corp. price: Basis: pig iron at Buffalo set by average price of No. 1 hvy. mlt. steel scrap at Buffalo as shown in last week's issue of THE IRON AGE. Price is effective until next Sunday midnight.

Producing point prices are subject to switching charges; silicon differential (not to exceed 50¢ per ton for each 0.25 pct silicon content in excess of base grade which is 1.75 to 2.25 pct); phosphorus differentials, a reduction of 38¢ per ton for phosphorus content of 0.70 pct and over; manganese differentials, a charge not to exceed 50¢ per ton for each 0.50 pct manganese content in excess of 1.00

pct. \$2 per ton extra may be charged for 0.5 to 0.75 pct nickel content and \$1 per ton extra for each additional 0.25 pct nickel.

Silvery iron (blast furnace) silicon 6.00 to 6.50 pct. C/L per g.t., f.o.b. Jackson, Ohio—\$56.50; f.o.b. Buffalo—\$57.75. Add \$1.25 per ton for each additional 0.50 pct Si. up to 12 pct. Add 50¢ per ton for each 0.50 pct

Mn over 1.00 pct. Add \$1.00 per ton for 0.75 pct or more P. Bessemer ferro-silicon prices are \$1.00 per ton above silvery iron prices of comparable analysis.

Charcoal pig iron base price for low phosphorus \$62.00 per gross ton, f.o.b. Lyle, Tenn. Delivered Chicago, \$69.55. High phosphorus charcoal pig iron is not being produced.

# FERROALLOY PRICES

## Ferromanganese

78-82% Mn, Maximum contract base price, gross ton, lump size, f.o.b. Baltimore, Phila., New York.....	\$145		
F.o.b. Birmingham.....	\$150		
F.o.b. Niagara Falls, Alloy, W. Va., Welland, Ont.....	\$145		
Carload lots (bulk).....	\$145		
F.o.b. Rockwood, Tenn.....	\$150		
Less ton lots (packed).....	\$189		
F.o.b. Etna, Pa.....	\$148		
\$1.80 for each 1% above 82% Mn; penalty, \$1.80 for each 1% below 78%.			
Briquets—Cents per pound of briquet, freight allowed, 66% contained Mn.			
Eastern Central Western			
Carload, bulk.....	8.70	8.95	9.50
Ton lots.....	10.30	10.90	12.80
Less ton lots.....	11.20	11.80	13.70

## Spiegeleisen

Contract prices, gross ton, lump, f.o.b. Palmerton, Pa.			
16-19% Mn.....	19-21% Mn		
3% max. Si.....	3% max. Si		
Carloads.....	\$51.00	\$52.00	
F.o.b. Pittsburgh.....	55.00	56.00	

## Manganese Metal

Contract basis, 2 in. x down, cents per pound of metal, f.o.b. shipping point, freight allowed, eastern zone.			
96% min. Mn, 0.2% max. C, 1% max. Si, 2% max. Fe.			
Carload, bulk.....	22		
L.c.l. lots.....	34		

## Electrolytic Manganese

F.o.b. Knoxville, Tenn., freight allowed east of Mississippi, cents per pound.			
Carloads.....	32		
Ton lots.....	34		
Less ton lots.....	36		

## Low-Carbon Ferromanganese

Contract price, cents per pound Mn contained, lump size, f.o.b. shipping point, freight allowed, eastern zone.			
Carloads Ton Less			
0.07% max. C, 0.06% P, 90% Mn.....	23.00	24.85	26.05
0.10% max. C.....	22.50	24.35	25.55
0.15% max. C.....	22.00	23.85	25.05
0.30% max. C.....	21.50	23.35	24.55
0.50% max. C.....	21.00	22.85	24.05
0.75% max. C.....			
7.00% max. Si.....	18.00	19.35	21.05

## Silicomanganese

Contract basis, lump size, cents per pound of metal, f.o.b. shipping point, freight allowed, 65-70% Mn, 17-20% Si, 1.5% max. C.			
Carload bulk.....	7.80		
Ton lots.....	9.45		
Briquet, contract, basis, carlots, bulk freight allowed, per lb of briquet	8.75		
Ton lots.....	10.35		
Less ton lots.....	11.25		

## Silvery Iron (electric furnace)

SI 14.01 to 14.50 pct., f.o.b. Keokuk, Iowa, openhearth \$81.00, foundry, \$82.00; \$81.75 f.o.b. Niagara Falls; \$77.50 f.o.b. Jackson, Ohio. Electric furnace silvery iron is not being produced at Jackson. Add \$1.00 per ton for each additional 0.50% Si up to and including 18%. Add \$1.00 for each 0.50 pct Mn over 1 pct.			
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## Silicon Metal

Contract price, cents per pound contained Si, lump size, f.o.b. shipping point, freight allowed, for ton lots packed.			
Eastern Central Western			
96% Si, 2% Fe.....	16.90	17.50	18.10
97% Si, 1% Fe.....	17.30	17.90	18.50

## Silicon Briquets

Contract price, cents per pound of briquet, bulk, f.o.b. shipping point, freight allowed to destination, 40% Si, 1 lb Si briquets.			
Eastern Central Western			
Carload, bulk.....	5.25	5.50	5.70
Ton lots.....	6.85	7.45	7.75
Less ton lots.....	7.75	8.35	8.65

## Electric Ferrosilicon

Contract price, cents per pound contained Si, lump size in carloads, f.o.b. shipping point, freight allowed.			
Eastern Central Western			
25% Si.....	16.50		
50% Si.....	9.30	9.80	10.00
75% Si.....	11.80	12.10	12.85
85% Si.....	13.30	13.60	14.35
90% Si.....	15.00	15.30	16.00

## Calcium Metal

Eastern zone contract prices, cents per pound of metal, f.o.b. shipping point, freight allowed. Add 1.5¢ for central zone; 3.5¢ for western zone.			
Cast Turnings Distilled			
Ton lots.....	\$1.85	\$2.70	\$3.40
Less ton lots.....	2.20	3.05	4.20

## Ferrochrome (65-72% Cr, 2% max. Si)

Contract prices, cents per pound, contained Cr, lump size in carloads, f.o.b. shipping point, freight allowed.			
Eastern Central Western			
0.06% C.....	26.50	26.90	27.00
0.10% C.....	26.00	26.40	26.50
0.15% C.....	25.50	25.90	26.00
0.20% C.....	25.25	25.65	25.75
0.50% C.....	25.00	25.40	25.50
1.00% C.....	24.50	24.90	25.00
2.00% C.....	24.25	24.65	24.75
65-69% Cr, 4-9% C.....	18.60	19.00	19.15
62-66% Cr, 4-6% C.....			
6-9% Si.....	19.45	19.85	20.00
Briquets—Contract price, cents per pound of briquet, f.o.b. shipping point, freight allowed, 60% chromium.			
Eastern Central Western			
Carload, bulk.....	12.50	12.75	12.85
Ton lots.....	14.00	14.90	15.50
Less ton lots.....	14.90	15.80	16.40

## High-Nitrogen Ferrochrome

Low-carbon type: 67-72% Cr, 0.75% N. Add 2¢ per lb to regular low carbon ferrochrome price schedule. Add 2¢ for each additional 0.25% N.			
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## S. M. Ferrochrome

Contract price, cents per pound chromium contained, lump size, f.o.b. shipping point, freight allowed.			
High carbon type: 60-65% Cr, 4-6% Si, 4-6% Mn, 4-6% C.			
Eastern Central Western			
Carload.....	19.70	20.10	20.25
Ton lots.....	21.85	23.15	23.95
Less ton lots.....	23.35	24.65	25.45
Low carbon type: 62-66% Cr, 4-6% Si, 4-6% Mn, 1.25% max. C.			
Eastern Central Western			
Carload.....	25.00	25.40	25.50
Ton lots.....	27.30	27.95	29.15
Less ton lots.....	29.10	29.75	30.95

## Chromium Metal

Contract prices, cents per lb. chromium contained carload packed, f.o.b. shipping point freight allowed, 97% min. Cr. 1% max. Fe.			
Eastern Central Western			
0.20% max. C.....	97.00	98.50	99.75
0.50% max. C.....	93.00	94.50	95.75
9.00% min. C.....	91.50	93.00	94.25

## Calcium—Silicon

Contract price per lb of alloy, lump, f.o.b. shipping point, freight allowed.			
30-35% Ca, 60-65% Si, 3.00% max. Fe			
Cr 28-32% Ca, 60-65% Si, 6.00% max. Fe.			
Eastern Central Western			
Carloads.....	16.25	16.75	18.80
Ton lots.....	19.35	20.10	22.25
Less ton lots.....	20.35	21.60	23.75

## Calcium—Manganese—Silicon

Contract prices, cents per lb of alloy, lump, f.o.b. shipping point, freight allowed.			
16-20% Ca, 14-13% Mn, 53-59% Si.			
Eastern Central Western			
Carloads.....	17.50	18.00	20.05
Ton lots.....	19.80	20.65	22.40
Less ton lots.....	20.80	21.65	23.40

## CMSZ

Contract price, cents per pound of alloy, f.o.b. shipping point, freight allowed.			
Alloy 4: 45-49% Cr, 4-6% Mn, 18-21% Si, 1.25-1.75% Zr, 3.00-4.5% C.			
Alloy 5: 50-56% Cr, 4-6% Mn, 13.50-16.00% Si, 0.75 to 1.25% Zr, 3.50-5.00% C.			
Eastern Central Western			
Ton lots.....	18.00	19.10	21.05
Less ton lots.....	19.25	20.35	22.30

## V Foundry Alloys

Cents per pound of alloy, f.o.b. Suspension Bridge, N. Y., freight allowed.			
V-5: 38-42% Cr, 17-19% Si, 8-11% Mn. V-7: 28-32% Cr, 15-21% Si, 14-16% Mn.			
Ton lots.....	14.60		
Less ton lots.....	15.85		

## Graphidox No. 4

Cents per pound of alloy, f.o.b. Suspension Bridge, N. Y., freight allowed.			
Si 56%, Ti 9%, Ca 5%.			
Ton lots.....	17.90		
Less ton lots.....	19.40		

## SMZ

Contract price, cents per pound of alloy, f.o.b. shipping point, freight allowed.			
60-65% Si, 5-7% Mn, 5-7% Zr, 20% Fe, ½ in. x 12 mesh.			
Eastern Central Western			
Ton lots.....	15.75	16.85	18.80
Less ton lots.....	17.00	18.10	20.05

## Other Ferroalloys

Ferrotungsten, standard, lump or ¼ x down, packed, f.o.b. plant			
Niagara Falls, Washington, Pa., York, Pa., per pound contained W, 5 ton lots, freight allowed.....	\$2.25		
Ferrovandium, 35-55%, contract basis, f.o.b. plant, freight allowances, per pound contained V.			
Openhearth.....	\$2.30		
Crucible.....	\$2.30		
High speed steel (Primos).....	\$3.10		
Vanadium pentoxide, 88-92% V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> , contract basis, per pound contained V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> .....	\$1.20		
Ferrocolumbium, 50-60%, contract basis, f.o.b. plant, freight allowed, per pound contained Cb			
Ton lots.....	\$2.50		
Less ton lots.....	\$2.55		
Ferromolybdenum, 55-75%, f.o.b. Langloeth, Washington, Pa., per pound contained Mo.....	95¢		
Calcium molybdate, 45-50%, f.o.b. Langloeth, Washington, Pa., per pound contained Mo.....	80¢		
Molybdenum oxide briquets, 48-52% Mo, f.o.b. Langloeth, Pa., per pound contained Mo.....	80¢		
Molybdenum oxide in bags, f.o.b. Langloeth and Washington, Pa., per pound contained Mo.....	80¢		
Ferrotitanium, 40-45%, 0.10% C max., f.o.b. Niagara Falls, N. Y., ton lots, per pound contained Ti	\$1.25		
Ferrotitanium, 20-25%, 0.10% C max., ton lots, per pound contained Ti	\$1.45		
Less ton lots.....	\$1.40		
High carbon ferrotitanium, 15-20%, 6-8% C, contract basis, f.o.b. Niagara Falls, freight allowed, carloads, per net ton.....	\$152.50		
Ferrophosphorus, electrolytic, 23-26%, carlots, f.o.b. Siglo, Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., \$3 unitage, per gross ton	\$65.80		
10 tons to less carload.....	\$75.00		
Zirconium, 35-40%, contract basis, f.o.b. plant, freight allowed, per pound of alloy.			
Carload lots.....	18.40		
Zirconium, 12-15%, contract basis, lump, f.o.b. plant, freight allowed, per pound of alloy.			
Carload, bulk.....	6.00		
Alsiifer, 20% Al, 40% Si, 40% Fe, contract basis, f.o.b. Suspension Bridge, N. Y.			
Carload.....	7.20		
Ton lots.....	7.70		
Simanal, 20% Si, 20% Mn, 20% Al, contract basis, f.o.b. Philo, Ohio, freight allowed, per pound			
Car lots.....	10.10		
Ton lots.....	11.50		
Boron Agents			
Contract prices per pound of alloy, f.o.b. shipping point, freight allowed.			
Ferroboron, 17.50% min. B, 1.50% max. Si, 0.50% max. Al, 0.60% max. C.			
Eastern Central Western			
Ton lot.....	\$1.20	\$1.21	\$1.21
Manganese—Boron 75.00% Mn, 15-20% B, 5% max. Fe, 1.50% max. Si, 3.00% max. C.			
Ton lots.....	\$1.89	\$1.903	\$1.935
Less ton lots.....	2.01	2.023	2.055
Nickel—Boron 15-18% B, 1.00% max. Al, 1.50% max. Si, 0.50% max. C, 3.00% max. Fe, balance Ni.			
Less ton lots.....	\$1.80	\$1.81	\$1.84
Silcaz, contract basis, f.o.b. plant freight allowed, per pound.			
Carload lots.....	39.80		
Grainal, f.o.b. Bridgeville, Pa., freight allowed, 50 lb and over.			
No. 1.....	92		
No. 6.....	40		
No. 79.....	40		
Bortam, f.o.b. Niagara Falls			
Ton lots, per pound.....	40		
Less ton lots, per pound.....	50		
Carbortam, f.o.b. Suspension Bridge, N. Y., freight allowed.			
Ti 15-18%, B 1.00-1.50%, Si 2.5-3.0%, Al 1.0-2.0%.			
Ton lots, per pound.....	8.65		
Borosil, f.o.b. Philo, Ohio, freight allowed, B 3%-4%, Si 40%-45%, per lb contained B.....	\$1.50		



# At Gulf, WHITCOMB DIESELS help process 200,000 Barrels of oil Daily



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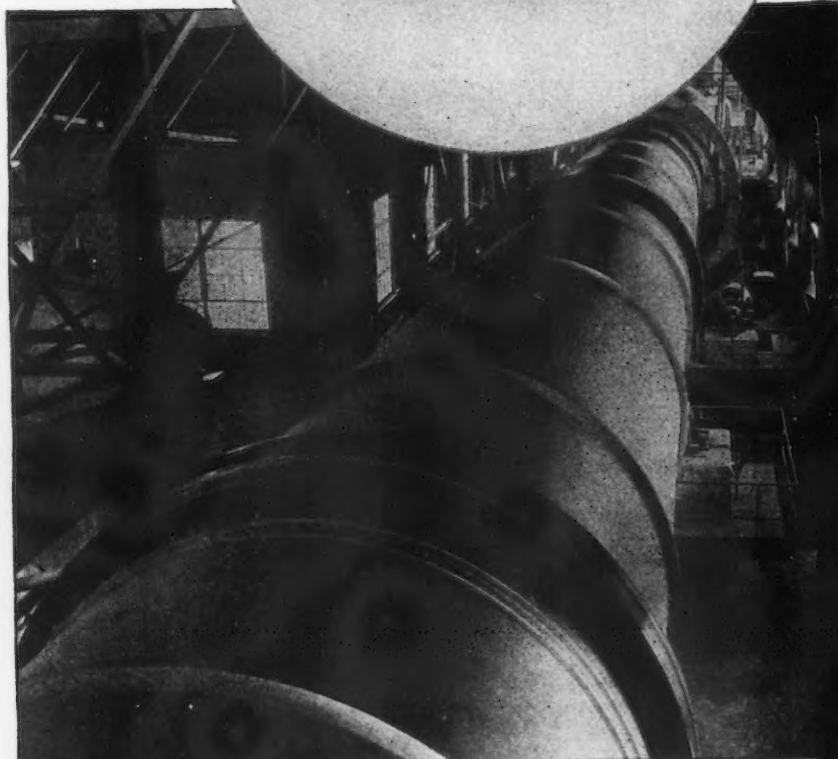
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## PERSONALS

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• **George D. Maves** has been named manager of the Boston branch of Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co. and its industrial division, Brown Instrument Co., having been promoted from mountain regional manager of the company in Denver. **Edwin A. Thompson** has been promoted from the Peoria branch managership, succeeding Mr. Maves in Denver. **Robert H. Jacobs** has been appointed Peoria manager. Mr. Jacobs was formerly in the Milwaukee branch sales department. **Ray R. West** has been named manager of industrial sales. Mr. West, who has been with the industrial division of Honeywell more than 20 years, has his headquarters in Philadelphia. **Lloyd E. Slater** has been appointed industry engineer of Brown Instrument and Minneapolis-Honeywell.

• **James I. Asnin** has been appointed assistant sales manager of Chas. Williams & Associates, Ltd., New York. Previous to his new appointment, Mr. Asnin has been manager of the steel and machinery department and was formerly associated with the Denver office of rolled products sales, Colorado Fuel & Iron Corp.

• **Arthur L. Perkins** has been appointed eastern representative of Hammond Machine Builders, Inc., Kalamazoo, Mich.

• **Joseph P. Novak** has been named a packaging engineer at Reynolds Metals Co., Louisville. Mr. Novak was formerly associated with Hinde & Dauch Paper Co.

• **Earl C. Ward** has been appointed general manager of the newly-created parts and accessories division of Ford Motor Co., Dearborn. Mr. Ward has been formerly vice-president of Montgomery Ward & Co. **Alec L. Lobbstaël** has been named plant superintendent of Ford's Ypsilanti plant.

• **Paul F. Steketee, Jr.** has been elected president of Keeler Brass Co., Grand Rapids. Mr. Steketee succeeds **Isaac S. Keeler** who has been made chairman of the board.

• **Leonard G. Zick** has been named secretary of C. M. Hall Lamp Co., Detroit, succeeding **George A. Haire**.

• **J. E. Cook** has been appointed Philadelphia district manager of Ampco Metal Inc., Milwaukee. **F. A. Burnett** has been named to succeed Mr. Cook in Cincinnati. W.

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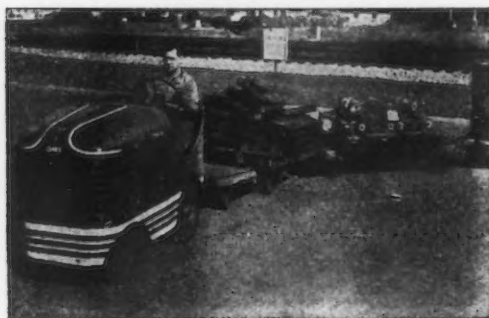
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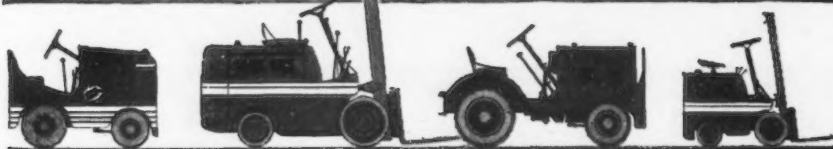
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F. Taff has been appointed to the Indianapolis district, succeeding Mr. Burnett, and Elmer E. Whitson has been appointed to the main office in Milwaukee.

• Michael Stumm has been named manager in charge of the advertising department Crucible Steel Co., New York.

• Roy D. Chapin, Jr., has been named special sales representative for the Hudson Motor Car Co., Detroit. Mr. Chapin joined the company in 1938.

• Robert L. Stubbs has been retained as Cecostamp consultant to Chambersburg Engineering Co., Chambersburg, Pa.

• A. H. Ross has resigned as vice-president of A. H. Ross Co. Inc., Dayton, Ohio.

• A. C. Monteith has been elected vice-president in charge of engineering and research, Westinghouse Electric Corp., Pittsburgh, succeeding Marvin W. Smith. Mr. Monteith joined the company in 1923. In 1945 he took over the dual position of manager of headquarters and engineering departments and director of education. Hobart C. McDaniel has been named manager of technical press service in the public relations department of Westinghouse Electric in Pittsburgh succeeding Carl E. Nagel who has resigned to joint McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York. Mr. McDaniel joined the Westinghouse Lamp Div. in 1939 and in 1943 became associated with the technical press service in the Pittsburgh office.

• Thomas O'Hara, works manager, has retired after 36 years with the Symington-Gould Corp., Depew, N. Y. Daniel P. Murphy, vice-president in charge of operations has assumed the additional duties of works manager.

• William C. Jordan has been elected vice-president and appointed general manager of Wright Aeronautical Corp., Wood-Ridge, N.J., the engine building division of Curtiss-Wright Corporation. T. B. Focke has been appointed general manager of the Curtiss-Wright Airplane Div., succeeding Mr. Jordan. Mr. Focke was formerly factory manager of that division.

• M. B. Garber has been appointed general sales manager, Thew Showel Co., Lorain, Ohio, succeeding Don





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## PERSONALS

G. Savage who died recently. Mr. Garber has been assistant sales manager and export manager since 1937. Q. J. Winsor and J. T. Cushing have been named assistant general sales managers. Mr. Winsor previously held the position of assistant to the general sales manager and district sales manager for the East-Central territory while Mr. Cushing has been district sales manager for the West Coast.

• **Fred S. Bacon, Jr.** has been appointed assistant general sales manager of Rockbestos Products Corp., New Haven. Mr. Bacon was formerly connected with the Westinghouse Electric Corp.

• **A. W. D. Black** has been appointed district sales manager by the Union Twist Drill Co., Athol, Mass., covering Rhode Island, eastern Massachusetts and Maine.

• **Charles C. Bush** has been named manager of the Cincinnati division of General Box Co., succeeding E. C. Marshall, who died recently. Mr. Bush has been associated with the company for 20 years.

• **Lawrence W. Early**, formerly resident manager of the Los Angeles office of Hercules Powder Co.'s Explosives Dept., has been transferred to the company's Salt Lake City office. **Robert W. Crabtree** has been appointed to succeed Mr. Early as resident manager of the Los Angeles office.

• **Duncan J. Morgan** has been named director of human relations for ATF, Inc., Elizabeth, N. J., succeeding B. F. McClancy. Mr. Morgan was formerly administrative assistant to the president of Illinois Tool Works.

• **A. W. Gilmore**, formerly manager of the wire and cable div., has been made manager of marketing of the newly-formed Construction Materials Dept., General Electric Co., Bridgeport. **James H. Crawford**, manager of sales, has been named sales consultant. **Edmund J. Harrington**, manufacturing manager of GE Affiliated Manufacturing Companies Dept., New York, has been made manager of manufacturing of the new department and C. **Howard Black**, formerly works engineer for the company's Philadelphia plant has been named manager of engineering. **Theodore D. Foster**, formerly manager of sales of the accessory equipment and wiring device divisions has been



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## PERSONALS

made responsible for the accessory equipment division and **Joseph J. Lengyel**, formerly manager of sales of the tungar and metallic rectifier division, has been made head of the wiring device division.

• **K. F. Houseman** has been appointed plant manager, **Claud U. Auger**, engineer and **Paul Nichols**, production manager, for operations of the General Electric Co.'s new aircraft jet assembly test plant in Lockland, Ohio.

• **Francis B. Harper** has been appointed superintendent of the 8, 10 and 12-in. bar mills of the Bethlehem Steel Co., Lackawanna, N.Y. Mr. Harper has been with the company more than 15 years.

• **Maurice Henchey** has been appointed assistant regional sales manager for Willlys-Overland Motors, Toledo. Mr. Henchey was formerly regional manager for the Kaiser-Fraser Corp.

• **Richard E. Predmore** has been made manager of customer engineering for the electric typewriter division, International Business Machines Corp., New York. Mr. Predmore joined IBM in 1940. Previous to his new appointment he was customer engineering supervisor in St. Louis.

• **John Crampton** has been appointed representative for Detroit Broach Co., Detroit. Mr. Crampton is located in Cleveland.

• **John E. Fasano** has been made sales manager of the newly-created Spirolox retaining ring division of the Ramsey Corp., St. Louis. Mr. Fasano was formerly associated with Waldes Kohinoor Inc.

• **Lloyd H. Bender** has been appointed assistant sales manager for the Swift 125 airplane of Texas Engineering & Mfg. Co., Dallas. **Leonard Larson** has resigned from that company.

• **F. L. Burke** and **Edward R. Godfrey** have been appointed directors of General Motors Corp., Detroit, and members of the operations policy committee. Mr. Burke is vice-president in charge of the accessory group and Mr. Godfrey is vice-president in charge of the Dayton and Household Appliance divisions.

• **J. M. Graham, Jr.** has been appointed assistant director of Monsanto Chemical Co.'s general engineering department. Mr. Graham

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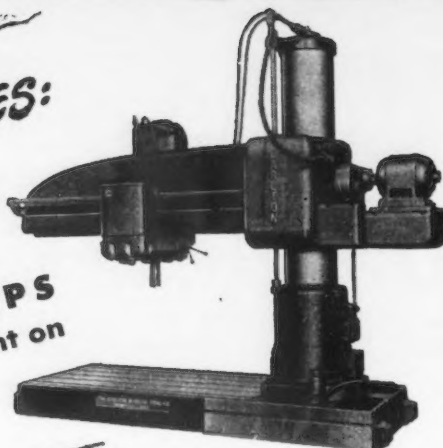
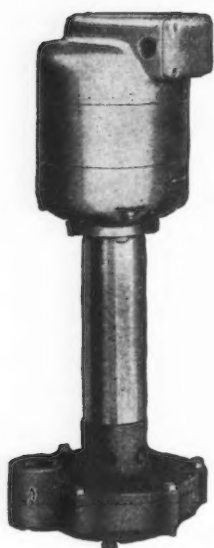


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has been serving as manager of the department's process section and will continue to direct that section. He joined Monsanto in 1934 as an operating trainee with the former Swann Chemical Co.

- **Allen W. Morton** has resigned as vice-president and general manager of the Piston Ring Div., Koppers Co. Inc., Pittsburgh. Mr. Morton will remain as consultant to the new Metal Products Div., a consolidation of the Shops Div. and the Piston Ring Div., the manufacturing activities of which continue in Baltimore.

- **A. M. Fleming** has been appointed vice-president in charge of manufacturing of the Chrysler Div., Chrysler Corp., Detroit. Fred A. Wunderlich has been named to succeed Mr. Fleming as general works manager of that division. O. W. Franke has been appointed operating manager of the Dodge Div. and M. C. Patterson has been named general works manager.

- **Perry R. Barker** has been named chief designer of the power and plant department of the Stamford division of Yale & Towne Mfg. Co. Mr. Barker has had some 14 years of service in that department.

### OBITUARIES

- **Herbert C. Greer**, 71, president, Greer Steel Co., Dover, Ohio, died Aug. 5.

- **Fred S. Fuld**, 69, former president, Harry Benjamin Equipment Co., St. Louis, died Aug. 6.

- **Walter F. Piper**, 63, retired vice-president and treasurer, Beardsley & Piper Co., Chicago, died Aug. 5.

- **J. Garrison Stout**, 57, chief of the standards department of Lees-Bradner Co., Cleveland, died Aug. 4.

- **William H. Jones**, 64, foreman of the T.C.I. Ensley roll shop and for 45 years a U.S. Steel employe, died recently.

- **James P. Dovel**, 79, consulting engineer and former vice-president of Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron Co., Birmingham, died recently.

- **Robert L. Cleland, Sr.**, 71, formerly eastern district manager East Clay Products Co., died Aug. 6.

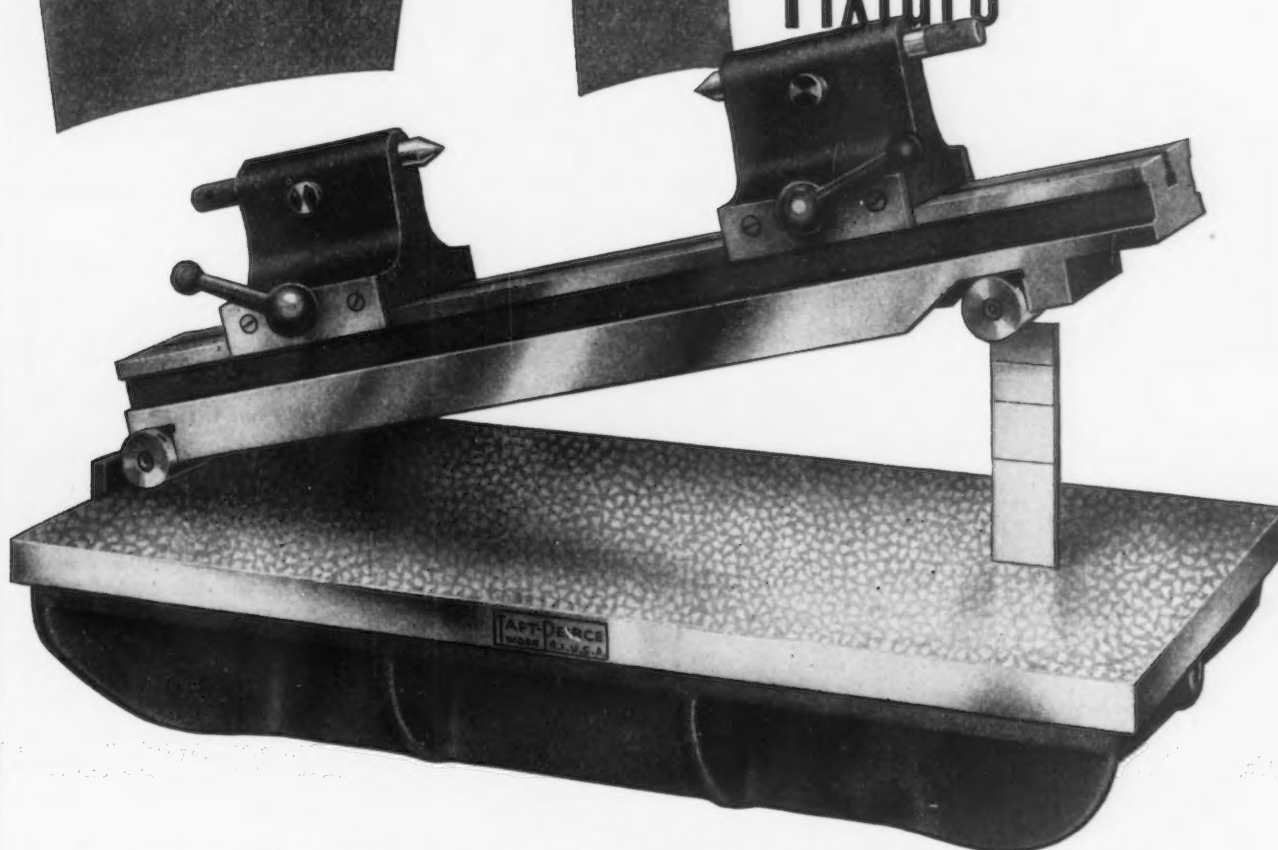
- **Morrill Dunn** of the McCord Corp., Detroit, died Aug. 7.

- **William H. Riddell**, 53, president of Riddell Engineering Co., Birmingham, died Aug. 12.



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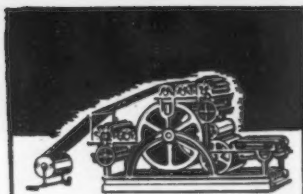
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## NEWS OF INDUSTRY

### Council Appointed for Experimental Study of Concrete Reinforcement

New York

• • • Creation of a council to carry out studies and experimental research in reinforced concrete, under sponsorship of the Engineering Foundation, New York, and to interpret the results in the form of a code for the design of concrete structures, was announced here by Dr. A. B. Kinzel, chairman of the foundation's board. It is anticipated that such a code may permit the use of reinforced concrete in longer span structures than now considered possible and should eliminate much of the uncertainty in design.

The research will be undertaken with approval of The American Society of Civil Engineers, one of the 4 engineering societies that established the foundation. It is 1 of 2 new projects receiving support from the foundation this year.

In working with concrete, Dr. Kinzel pointed out, the engineer is dealing with a material in which deformation is not proportional to the stress. In the past, concrete and steel have been combined and the design was based on the incorrect assumption that the strain in the concrete is, as in steel, proportional to the stress.

The council on research in reinforced concrete is composed of authorities in the field and representatives from interested organizations. They are: Robert Blanks, director of research, bureau of reclamation, Denver, chairman; Prof. Jewell M. Garrelts, Columbia University, secretary; Prof. Clyde T. Morris, Ohio State University; Prof. Frank E. Richart, University of Illinois; F. R. Smith, chairman of the committee on masonry, American Railway Engineering Assn.; Raymond Archibald, chairman, bridge specification committee, American Assn. of State Highway Officials; Albert E. Cummings, research engineer, Raymond Concrete Pile Co.; Arthur J. Boase, Portland Cement Assn.; and Harold D. Jolly, chairman, engineering practice committee, Reinforcing Steel Institute.

The committee on masonry and reinforced concrete, of the American Society of Civil Engineers, has

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been studying reinforced concrete for several years, Dr. Kinzel explained. This committee concluded that carefully planned laboratory tests are necessary as a guide to further study and recommended to the Engineering Foundation that the entire theory of reinforced concrete be studied critically with a view to evolving a workable scientific theory for the design of concrete structures.

"Until recently the methods used for the design of reinforced concrete were essentially empirical," Dr. Kinzel continued. "On the basis of results obtained from an extensive set of tests conducted by the University of Illinois and Lehigh University, rational procedures have been established for the design of centrally loaded reinforced concrete columns. These tests demonstrated the inadequacy of the old theory.

Two investigations have been recommended by the A.S.C.E. committee for immediate consideration by the council.

The first is to be carried on at Ohio State University. Its purpose is to determine the shape of the stress block in reinforced concrete in the compression zone by means of photoelastic methods. This proposed study is a continuation of pilot tests which have already been made at the university.

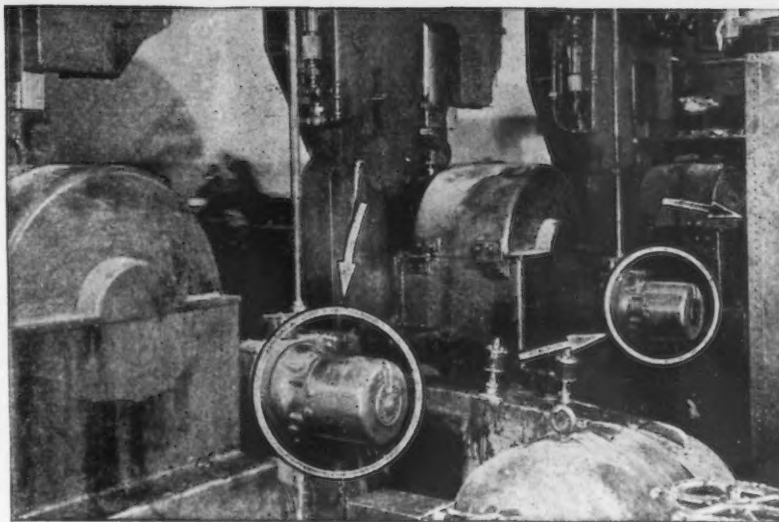
The second investigation is to be conducted by Professor Richart and associates at the University of Illinois. It will be concerned with reinforced concrete members subject to combined bending and direct stress. It is proposed to build and test 126 eccentrically loaded specimens with varying eccentricity ratios, varying percentages of steel, and for three different strengths of concrete.

### Propose 3 for 1 Split Of Keystone S & W Stock

Peoria, Ill.

• • • Directors of the Keystone Steel & Wire Co. have approved a proposal to submit to the stockholders a plan to increase the company's outstanding capital stock from 625,000 shares to 1,875,000 shares by issuing 2 additional shares for each share now held.

"If the stockholders approve of the split," Reuben E. Sommer, president of the company, said "the



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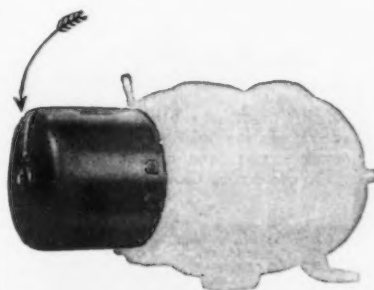
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Mr. Sommer added that it would continue to be the management's policy to recommend such additional payments on the new shares from time to time as the earnings justify.

**Principal Radioactive  
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Evanston, Ill.

... Scientists can now obtain the principal radioactive materials in whatever amounts they are needed for research and radiotherapy, two chemists of the Atomic Energy Commission's Isotopes Division, Oak Ridge, Tenn., reported recently at the final session of the American Chemical Society's symposium on nucleonics and analytical chemistry at Northwestern University.

This situation has been made possible by a rapid increase in the output of the most useful isotopes, according to a paper by the division chief, Dr. Nathan H. Woodruff, and Dr. S. Allan Lough, who noted that when production of isotopes for research was initiated after the war, supplies were scanty and distribution was limited to those institutions carrying out work of prime importance.

"Due to the excellent progress in the production of radioisotopes made by the commission-sponsored laboratories, especially the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, it is no longer necessary to assign priority rating to any application of any requesters qualified to handle the radiomaterials," the chemists disclosed.

"The supplies of routinely produced materials are adequate to satisfy the demands. Consequently, the necessity of evaluating the significance of a proposed investigation has been removed.

"It is granted that there are a few radioisotopes now listed in a catalogue on which developmental work has been slow due to severe difficulties encountered and to

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ever-present lack of trained manpower and to inadequate facilities."

Radioactive materials are still allotted primarily through institutions, private or public, profit or nonprofit, the report said. The definition of an applicant has been expanded, however, to include "any institution or person who is in a position to accept legal responsibility and financial obligations, and is adequately equipped to handle radio-active material."

The Atomic Energy Act requires that the commission be informed as to the proposed use of the isotopes, the paper stated, and although some applicants are hesitant about giving this information for fear of disclosing forthcoming developments anticipated by commercial organizations, the commission does not release any information without full permission.

In addition to the common isotopes, the commission has made available ultrapotent preparations for special use, the paper continued, and scientists requiring unusual isotopes can have them made in the atomic pile if they furnish their own raw materials.

Other speakers at today's sessions, and their topics, were: Dr. D. N. Hume of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "Activity Analysis"; Dr. G. E. Boyd of Oak Ridge, "Activation Analysis", and Dr. J. W. Irvine, Jr., "Industrial Applications"

The symposium, sponsored jointly by the society's division of analytical and micro chemistry and "Analytical Chemistry," monthly publication of the society, inaugurated an annual series.

## Iron Society to Hold Their Annual Meeting

Cleveland

• • • The 20th annual meeting and convention of the Gray Iron Founders' Society, will be staged at Hadden Hall, Atlantic City, Oct. 14-15, 1948.

Principal speakers at the noon-day luncheon are William B. Given, president, American Brake Shoe Co., New York City, and Col. Harold Hoffman, former governor of New Jersey. Mr. Given will speak on "Rating Better People in our Foundries."

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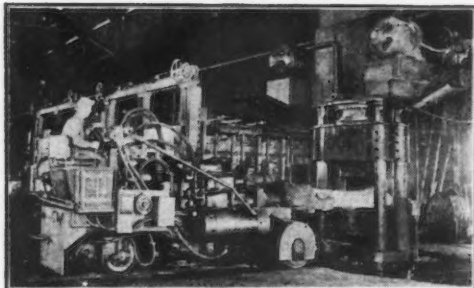
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Hamlin, Medical Director, American Brake Shoe Co., Chicago; Theodore F. Hatch, Research Director, Industrial Hygiene Foundation of America, Inc., Pittsburgh, and Theodore C. Waters, partner, Mullikin, Stockbridge and Waters, Baltimore.

Other speakers on the program are Dr. Robert S. Hartman, executive secretary, Council of Profit-Sharing Industries, Wooster, O.; H. C. Nickolas, president, The Quality Castings Co., Orville, O.; John A. Claussen, secretary, Merchant Pig Iron Committee, American Iron & Steel Institute, New York City, and James H. Smith, general manager, Central Foundry Division, General Motors Corp., Saginaw, Mich.

Howard A. Stockwell, Barbour Stockwell Co., Cambridge, Mass., president of the society, will preside at all sessions.

### Capehart Subcommittee Probes Trade Policies Starting September 15

Washington

• • • The Capehart subcommittee investigating trade policies, including effects of f.o.b. pricing, has set September 15 as the date for the first meeting of its recently appointed Advisory Council.

Senator Capehart will then ask the Council—composed of representatives of industry, agriculture, labor and consumers—to make surveys of the impact of pricing policies and to report to his group not later than mid-November.

At that time, the subcommittee staff expects to have completed its preliminary investigations and to be ready to call full-scale public hearings. Early hearings will be devoted largely to the pricing problem as a result of the cement case decision.

"This ruling prohibits absorption of freight costs by producers," Senator Capehart said. "While the decision applies only to cement, it can be applied to every industry in the United States which is affected by freight costs."

"The ultimate question to be decided," he added, "is whether sellers should be permitted to: sell their products throughout the nation at a uniform delivered price, or, absorb freight or any part



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thereof in order to compete with competitors whose plants are located nearer the customer."

The Council will be requested to follow two lines in making its survey. One is to check and report on the effect of such pricing policies on the specific field represented. The other is to make the same check from a standpoint of the effect on the community (or customer).

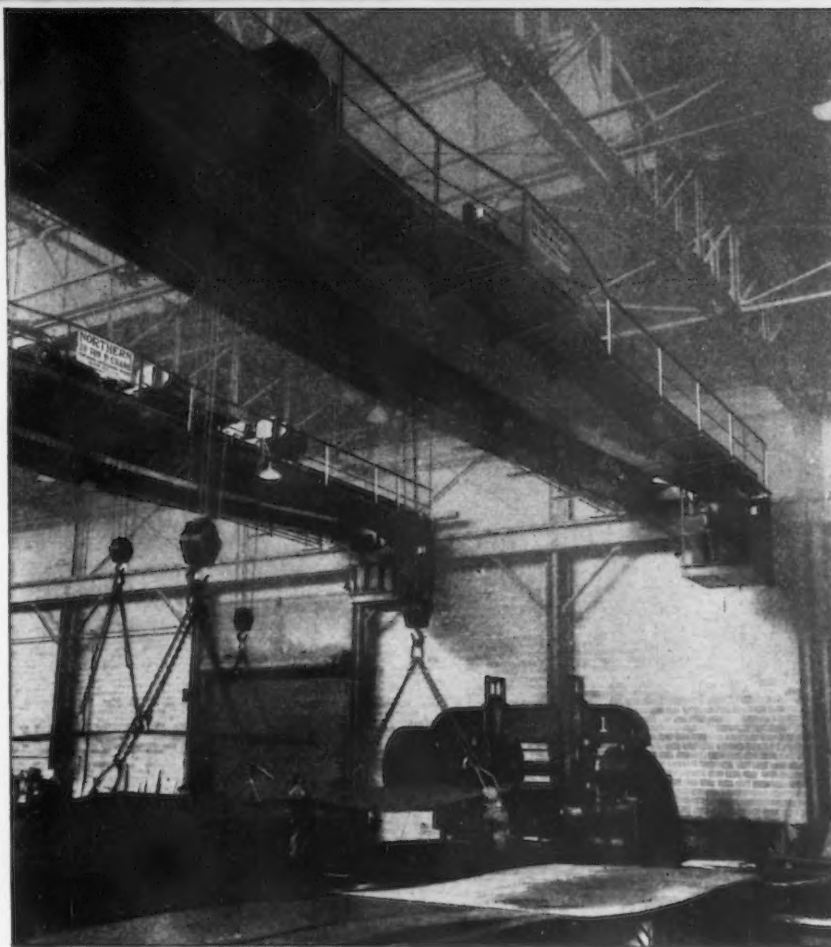
Admiral Ben Moreell of Jones & Laughlin Steel Co., Charles R. Tyson of John A. Robeling Sons Co., and Philip Murray, head of the United Steel Workers, were included among the Council members.

Other members of the committee are James H. Ackerman, Lawrence Portland Cement Co.; John C. Bowen, Lehigh-Portland Cement Co.; James Brownlee, retired food processing executive; Edward W. Carter, Broadway Department Stores, Inc.; Walter L. Couse, Walter L. Couse & Co.; Cris Dobbins, Ideal Cement Co.; Paul V. Doolen, A. E. Staley Mfg. Co.; David Edwards, Saco-Lowell Shops; Nathaniel B. Engle, University of Washington; Charles W. Evert, Downing Box Co.

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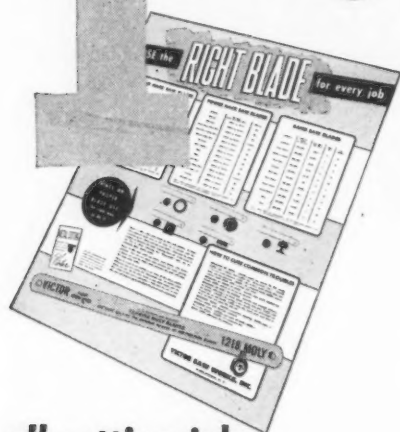
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### S.A. Countries Prefer U.S. Capital, Markets

Buenos Aires, Argentina

• • • Many a sound business opportunity is now open in South America.

Attractive import possibilities are being uncovered daily, according to a survey by the New Orleans Board of Port Commissioners made jointly with the International House and the recently opened International Trade Mart.

These countries are facing the so-called "dollar crisis" and are doing everything to invite foreign investment by intensifying production, and seeking to develop markets abroad.

Without exception every South American republic prefers U. S. capital, U. S. markets and U. S. equipment and machinery.

"If we meet them half-way," the report continues, "their markets will be open to our exports and two-way trade will be assured with its stabilizing influence on U. S. industrial planning for full employment. If not, these South American leaders will seek the solution elsewhere."

President Juan Peron of Argentina, speaking recently to representatives of the Argentine Chamber of Commerce, said the country's lack of dollar exchange was the result of reluctance on the part of the U. S. to buy Argentine products.

"We are doing our best to work with the U. S.," said Peron, "we prefer to deal with the U. S., but if we are forced to do so, we shall sell to Russia."

Leaders of other South American countries voice the same feelings. Each has some product he would like to find a market for in the U. S. and each hopes that eventually that goal will be realized.

### German Practice Like Ours

Washington

• • • German practice in the manufacture of high frequency iron cores for electronic equipment in general parallels American practice, according to a report on sale

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The report was prepared by Franze R. Hensel, vice-president in charge of engineering, P. R. Mallory Co., Inc., Indianapolis, following an investigation of 8 German firms under OTS sponsorship.

A short description of the practices of the 3 leading German firms that were responsible for most of the production and important development work in the field is given in the report.

The other 5 producers visited had not developed any special methods or unusual practices, the author states.

### Ryan Gets \$2.5 Million Army Air Force Contract

San Diego

• • • The Ryan Aeronautical Co. has been awarded a contract for 158 Ryan Avion 4-place planes by the Air Forces, according to T. Claude Ryan, president of the company.

In addition to the 158 planes, designated as L-17B's, Ryan's new \$2.5 million contract calls for components and spares which in dollar value are equivalent to another 60 complete Navions.

Deliveries of these planes will begin within the next 2 months and continue until about the first of next year.

Approximately one third of the planes are scheduled for use by the Army field forces for distribution among a number of different bases.

Somewhat more than a third will be used at occupation bases abroad, with one half going to Europe and one half to Asia.

The remaining planes are to go to National Guard bases.

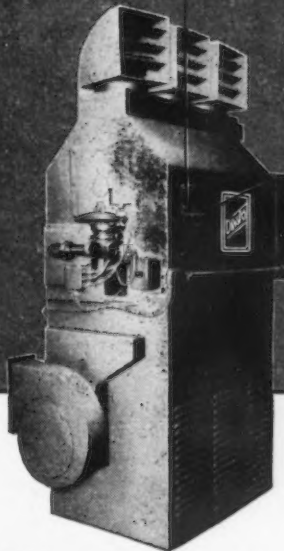
### Prepares Exposition Plans

New York

• • • Equipment designed for new economies in the production, regulation and transmission of power will be exhibited at the eighteenth annual National Exposition of Power and Mechanical Engineering here from Nov. 29 to Dec. 4.

Although the production of modern equipment is high and a large backlog of orders are on hand, the theme of this year's exposition will be devoted to stepping up existing plants and more especially to cut

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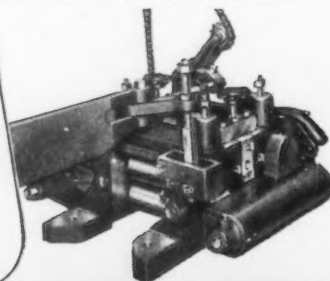
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## Dr. Mehl Is Made Head Of Research Committee

Pittsburgh

• • • Dr. Robert F. Mehl, Director of the Metals Research Laboratory of Carnegie Institute of Technology, has been named chairman of the committee on ship steel of the National Research Council.

This committee will advise government agencies on a research program directed at determining the metallurgical causes of brittle fracture in steel that led to the failure of a number of ships during World War II.

The work is expected to be partly fundamental and partly practical in character.

Dr. Mehl, who served in World War II as an attache in the U. S. Embassy, London, England, with the simulated rank of brigadier-general, formerly was superintendent of the Division of Physical Metallurgy, Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D. C.

The Carnegie director recently returned from a trip to Europe during which he delivered the Hatfield Memorial Lecture in London, England. He also addressed the Swedish Metallographers' Society and the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, Sweden.

## Tube Shipments Are High

New York

• • • Steel pipe and tube shipments for the first 6 months of 1948 totaled 3,302,748 tons, an increase of 10.7 pct over the first half shipments for 1947, according to the committee on steel pipe research of the American Iron and Steel Institute.

If shipments continue throughout the year at the present rate, a new annual record will be set. The 6,117,884 tons shipped in 1947 now stands as the peak for yearly shipments.

It was also reported that pipe and tube exports have not been

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excessively large since the end of the war. Statistics show that only 2.9 pct of the 1947 total shipments, other than casing, oil line pipe and boiler tubes, were exported. This was lower than any year since 1940, except for 1945.

### Expects Decrease in '49 Industrial Expenditures

New York

• • • The National Industrial Conference Board sees a downward trend in capital industrial expenditures during 1949, according to their latest monthly survey of current business practices.

The downward trend after 1948 is attributed to several factors.

First, the high construction costs will be a severe handicap to continued expansion of plant facilities.

Next, tapering off of capital needs will result from the completion of many of the postwar improvement programs.

Finally, much of the postwar retooling will have been completed, hence a further reduction in necessary expenditures.

To date retained earnings have provided the bulk of the capital requirements for more than three quarters of the companies surveyed. Next most important source of funds is current depreciation. About half of the companies rely on this method to pay part of their capital expenditures.

In practice most of the companies report that they use a combination of the two methods to meet a large proportion of their capital needs.

Some of the companies revealed that they financed their needs through stock or bond issues. They constituted only about 5 pct of the group. A few others stated that they resorted to bank loans and insurance company loans to meet their capital expenditures.

### S.J.I. Elects Officers

Washington

• • • At its annual meeting held here, the Steel Joist Institute elected George R. Wernisch president for a second term according to C. H. Luedeman, managing director of the institute.

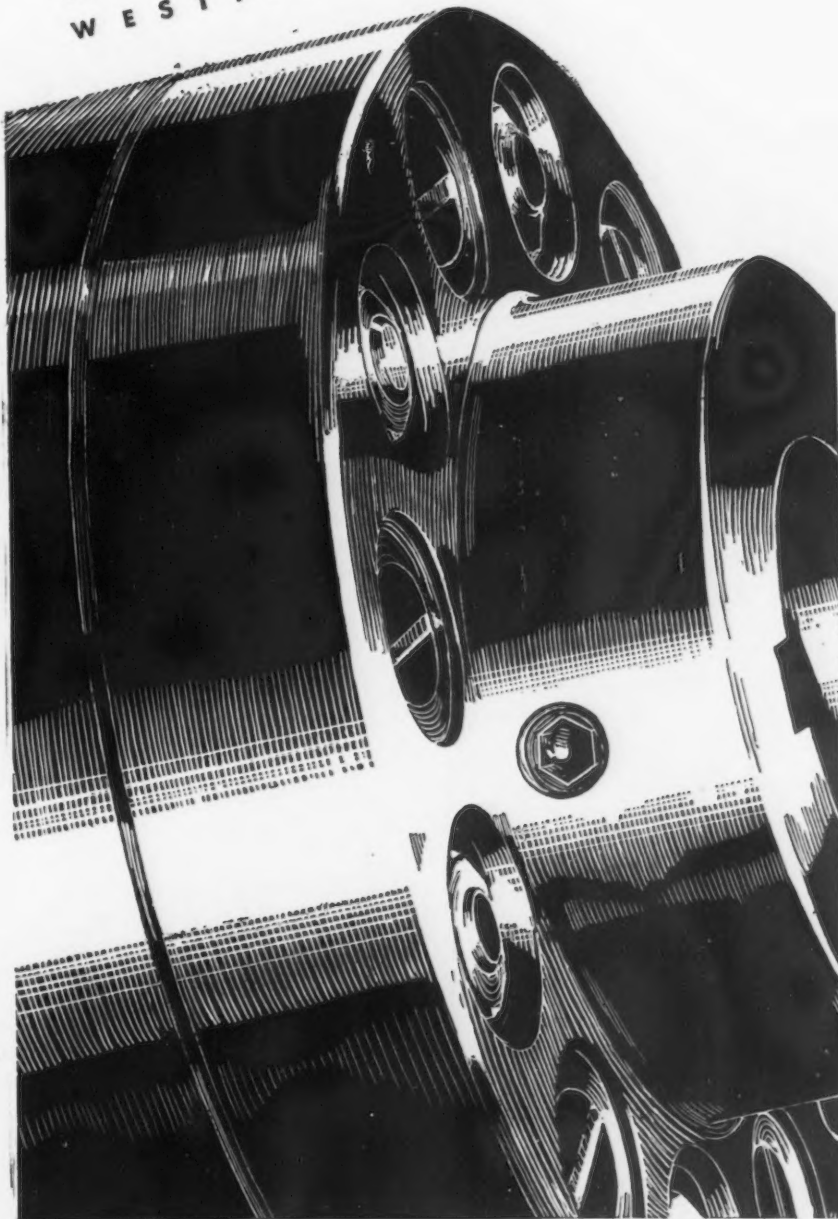
Mr. Wernisch is president of the Steel Joist and Deck Div. of the Geco Steel Products Corp.

Other officers elected were: James D. Maitland, president of

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### Bonds Sold to Cover Capital Expenditures

Chicago

• • • **Inland Steel Co.** on Aug. 3, 1948, negotiated through Kuhn, Loeb & Co. of New York the sale of \$20 million, aggregate principal amount of its 3% Bonds Series H, dated Aug. 1, 1948, maturing Aug. 1, 1978, with interest payable semi-annually, on Feb. 1 and Aug. 1.

The bonds were sold at 101 plus accrued interest from Aug. 1, 1948 to 7 insurance companies who purchased the bonds for investment.

Inland will use the proceeds of the bonds to reimburse the company for capital expenditures made since Dec. 31, 1946.

Wilfred Sykes, president, stated that the capital expenditures for which the company is being reimbursed by the sale of these bonds includes facilities increasing the company's capacity to produce cold rolled sheets, a battery of new coke ovens and a new ore carrier capable of greater tonnages and more trips per season.

Mechanization of its coal mining properties and the construction of a coal cleaning plant at its Price Mine, Kentucky are also well under way.

### Builds Large Generator

Pittsburgh

• • • **A 277-ton** power generator—one of the largest of its type ever made by the Westinghouse Electric Corp. and capable of producing enough electricity to supply the needs of 40,000 homes—will soon go to work in the Buffalo, N. Y. area.

It will be added to the generating capacity of the giant Charles R. Huntley Steam Electric Stations of the Buffalo Niagara Electric Corporation.

The huge machine is rated at 100,000 kva and will generate the equivalent of 134,000 hp—as much as produced by a score of the largest railroad locomotives.

### Overseas Surplus Are Reduced to \$183 Million

Washington

• • • **Inventories** of overseas surplus property have been reduced to \$183 million, much of which consists of installations and other assets having no salable interest, it is reported by the Foreign Liquidation Commissioner. Estimates indicate that 34 pct of the total falls into the unsalable category.

Thus, the commissioner has reported to Congress, the disposal of \$10.2 billion worth of property left overseas at the end of the war has virtually been completed. It is estimated that little more than \$25 million worth remains to be declared.

The largest portion of the remainder is located in the Pacific and Far Eastern regions—about \$106 million worth. Locations of other surplus are: Europe, Africa and Middle East, \$42 million; North America (including Canada), \$35 million; and, Latin America, \$3 million.

### July Construction Is Valued at \$1.7 Billion

Washington

• • • **New construction** put in place in July was valued at \$1.7 billion, according to a joint estimate of the Commerce Dept. and the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This raises the total for the first seven months to \$9.4 billion, the highest figure in history for a like period.

This is about 36 pct above the dollar volume in 1947 at this stage of the year, due to rising costs. However, the physical volume of work is about 15 pct more than for the same period 1947.

Privately financed residential building continued to lead the field, accounting for \$667 million of the month's total. Stores and other commercial buildings continued to rise and reached a figure of \$100 million. Industrial construction continued to decline, amounting to \$111 million, \$28 million under July a year ago.

### Plans Lectures in Bogota

Bayside, N. Y.

• • • **Dr. G. C. Kuczynski** of the Sylvania Electric Products, Inc. metallurgical laboratories, a specialist in the electron theory of



metals, will deliver a series of lectures on the physics of metals at the National University, Bogota, Colombia, according to Walter E. Kingston, manager of the laboratories.

Dr. Kuczynski will be a guest of Dr. Joaquin Prieto, professor of metallurgy at National University, whom he met several years ago when Dr. Prieto was a special instructor in the application of quantum mechanics to the electron theory of metals at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

## All Steelmen Invited to Engineers' Exposition

Bethlehem

• • • A. J. Fisher, president of the Iron and Steel Engineers, clarified an old misunderstanding when he told reporters here that "every steel man regardless of position in plant or educational background" was invited to attend the Iron and Steel Exposition in Cleveland, Sept. 28 to Oct. 1.

"Because the exposition is sponsored by an engineering association," Mr. Fisher continued, "does not mean that an engineering degree is required to permit attendance."

This year the exposition will be devoted to the study and exchange of vital operating information among steelmen. It will also display the latest mechanical and technical advancements in equipment and methods.

Mr. Fisher concluded by stressing again the importance "that every steel man feel free to attend."

## Schedules Eighth Meeting

Baltimore

• • • The Eighth Manufacturers' Products Exhibit is scheduled to be held here at the Lord Baltimore Hotel from Oct. 26 to 28, according to S. J. Buschman, general chairman. The affair is sponsored by the Purchasing Agents Assn. of Baltimore.

Feature of the exhibit will be the awarding of prizes for the most informative, as well as the most attractive and decorative booths.

A prominent speaker will discuss current problems at the Exhibitors' Breakfast, on the second morning of the meeting.



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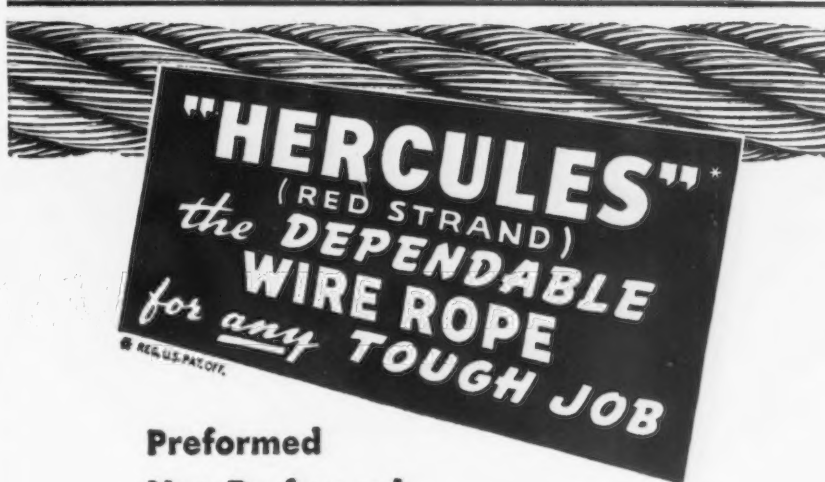
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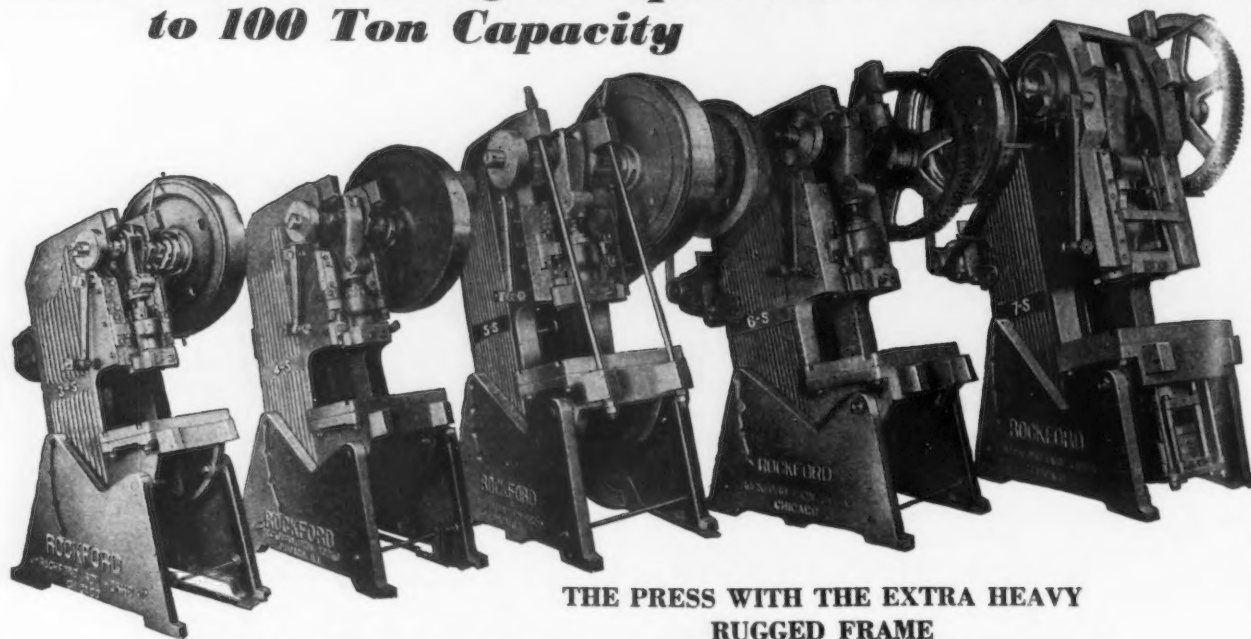
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